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YANGTSE PIRATES ATTACKED.

BRITISH NAVAL PARTIES IN ACTION.

BANDITS KILLED IN EXCITING ENCOUNTERS.

THREAT TO B. & S. SHIPS.

In accordance with the decision recently reached, British naval action has been taken against the pirates operating on the Upper Yangtze, and there comes to hand to-day exciting stories of encounters between naval units and bandit gangs.

In one instance, a pirate gang was trapped by a naval patrol on a private launch. When the pirates attacked, the British sailors disclosed their presence and replied with machine guns, causing heavy casualties.

In another case, the naval party kept up a running fight with a pirate launch and when the craft fell into British naval hands six wounded pirates were captured. They are to be handed over to the Chinese authorities.

A big bandit organisation had demanded from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at Hankow the payment of a lakh of dollars to guarantee immunity from attack. In the event of failure to pay, the organisation threatens to attack and burn China Navigation Company steamers and to kill Masters and Comrades.

Among other China news items is the report of a huge fire in the ex-British Concession at Hankow which completely gutted the Aniline Dye Company's premises.

"RED" EXECUTIONS AT KIUKIANG.

Exciting stories of battles between pirates and British naval contingents on the Middle Yangtze yesterday, come to hand this morning, following the recent announcement by the British naval authorities that, in the absence of effort by the Chinese, an organised cleaning up would be undertaken by British gunboats.

One pirate gang was trapped by the rise of putting a naval patrol on a private launch, which was sent cruising along the river between Shashi and Chenglin yesterday. It soon attracted the attention of one of the desperado gangs, which attacked it from the shore by opening fire.

The naval party suddenly appeared and replied to the fire with machine-guns, and the pirates suffered heavy casualties before making off. Many pirates were left dead on the river bank, but no British losses are reported.

Another naval party went into action with a pirate launch which surprised and captured after a brief engagement, though the pirates beached the craft and a number escaped inland. A running fight was kept up for some time, the pirate launch, turning tail and endeavouring to outdistance the naval vessel.

Wounded Pirates Captured. When the bandit craft fell into British naval hands, six pirates were found on board too severely wounded to make their escape. These have been taken into custody and will be handed over to the Chinese authorities.

The success achieved, it is hoped, will lead to improved conditions in this part of the river, but the same vigorous measures are to be maintained at present.

A British wireless message from Home to-day states that the gunboats at present employed on the "Pirates Patrol" are the Gunboat Crick, the Mantis and the Teal.

Threat on Butterfield Boats.

With regard to bandit activity in this district, the manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's branch at Hankow has reported the receipt of two threatening letters, signed "Hu Chun" demanding the payment of \$100,000 as immunity from attack.

The letters come from an organisation which claims to have control of the Kingchow and Shashi Banks, and states that it has a large number of adherents in all middle Yangtze ports.

The "Hu Chun" threaten that if Messrs. Butterfield and Swire do not make the payment very shortly, every China Navigation Com-

pany steamer will be attacked, its master and comrades killed, and the vessel burned.

Copies of the letters have been handed over to the naval authorities who are considering necessary measures.

BIG HANKOW FIRE.

Blaze in Concession Area.

Hankow, Dec. 22. Fire broke out in the offices of the Aniline Dye Company in the ex-British Concession last night, the conflagration lasting for several hours.

It was one of the biggest fires occurring in the foreign section of Hankow for some time, causing considerable excitement.

The Aniline Dye Company premises were almost entirely gutted, but the fire was prevented from spreading to any large extent to other buildings.

At first the fire was thought to be the result of incendiarism, but this is not now suggested.—*Naval Wireless.*

KIUKIANG "REDS."

Many Recently Executed.

Kiukiang, Dec. 21. Vigorous action is being taken by the authorities against Communists, and, following many executions recently, it is noticeable that large numbers are leaving Kiukiang, all presumed to be "Reds."—*Naval Wireless.*

WUHU TENSION.

Labour Trouble Develops.

Wuhu, Dec. 21. The threatened labour trouble is developing, though the general strike has not yet begun.

Further trouble has arisen in connexion with salt transshipment. It will be recalled that the Wuhu authorities interfered with salt cargoes a brief while ago, but on protests by the British authorities, the cargo was released. The Consul has taken the matter up once again.—*Naval Wireless.*

UNITED ACTION BY POWERS.

Suggestion by Liberal M.P.

London, Dec. 21. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. Duckworth (Lib.) suggested that Britain, Japan and the United States should discuss the desirability of ascertaining whether an offer of their joint good services in endeavouring to assist in effecting a settlement of the present imbroglio would be favourably entertained by all parties in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, in reply, said (Continued on Page 16.)

CONCESSION LOTS.

LEASE SURRENDER EXPLAINED.

NOT DETRIMENTAL.

London, Dec. 21. In the House of Commons, questions regarding the crown leases surrendered in the six Concessions in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he did not anticipate that the change was likely to be detrimental to British interests.

He reminded the House that it was the Government's policy to relax rather than to extend the British control of the administration of those Municipal areas.—*Reuter.*

Positioned Reviewed.

London, Dec. 21. Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons about the surrender by Britain of leases in Chinese Treaty Ports conceded by the Chinese Government between 1851 and 1861.

He replied that the value of these leases could not be accurately assessed at the present moment but, according to a valuation made

BIG MANILA FIRE.

Two Thousand Rendered Homeless.

Manila, Dec. 21. Two thousand people have been rendered homeless by a fire in the Manila suburbs.

Two natives perished, and the loss is estimated at one million pesos.—*Reuter.*

In 1922, previous to the outbreak of anti-foreign agitations in China, the worth of the reversionary interest in land and buildings held under the leases with an unexpired term of approximately 30 years, was £730,000. At a later date it was anticipated that these reversionary interests might have realised about £400,000. The position in China, however, rendered it impossible to proceed with a scheme for the sale of these interests without guarantees of tenure, which would be wholly inconsistent with the policy of the British Government. The land was acquired under a perpetual lease from the Chinese Government to whom the fixed ground rent continued to be paid and, concurrently, by purchase from actual Chinese owners. The Concession areas were situated at Tientsin, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Amoy and Canton and they consisted of a total of 232 acres, divided into 234 lots. These properties were chiefly in British, but partly in other hands. They were to be transferred to the present lot-holders without payment and, unconditionally, except for a proviso that the lot-holders should bear any expenses arising from the assignments.

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SOVIET INTRIGUE IN CANTON.

TELL-TALE DOCUMENT FOUND.

DISCOVERY AT CONSULATE.

Regarding M. Chicherin's Note protesting against the seizure of the Russian Consulate, and denying that the Canton Consulate guided the revolutionary movement by peasants and workers, it is learned from a semi-official source in Canton that a document, partly burned, numbered B/12857-10, and endorsed by the Seventh Enlarged Plenum Executive Committee of the Communist International, was discovered in the raided Consulate's archives.

The document explains how the Communist Party must take command of the peasant movement, in accordance with the programme of the Agrarian Revolution, and instructing, *inter alia*, the disarming of the People's Militia and other forces among the gentry, while arming poor and middle-class peasants to form an Army.

RUBBER COMPANIES AMALGAMATE.

BIG SCHEME APPROVED.

London, Dec. 21. Meetings of shareholders have approved of the proposal for the amalgamation of rubber companies, mentioned on the 12th instant.

Mr. James Fairbairn, presiding at a meeting of the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates, said he was hopeful that the amalgamation would thoroughly demonstrate the soundness of the policy, and he hoped within the next few months to see many amalgamations an accomplished fact.—*Reuter.*

It was reported on the 12th inst. that one of the biggest rubber-producing companies of the world will be formed by the merging of the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates, and the Amalgamated Rubber and Development Company, into the United Serdang "Samatra" Rubber Plantations. The latter is increasing its capital from £1,000,000 to £1,500,000. The planted acreage will exceed 38,000 including 1,000 acres of coffee.

THE ECONOMY "AXE."

PREMIER MAKES AN EXPLANATION.

London, Dec. 21. In the House of Commons, the Premier stated that the proposal which was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his last budget statement, that the Ministry of Transport, Department of Mines and Department of Overseas Trade should be abolished, could not be effected without legislation except in the case of the Department of Overseas Trade. It would not be right to make demands on Parliamentary time out of all proportion to the actual saving likely to be effected.—*British Wireless.*

ITALY ADOPTS GOLD STANDARD.

AN OBLIGATORY DECREE.

Rome, Dec. 21. The King has signed a Cabinet Decree making it obligatory on the Bank of Italy to convert its notes to a gold basis as from December 22nd. This obligation has been suspended since 1894.

The new parity is on the basis of about 92 Lira to the £ sterling.—*Reuter.*

PERUVIAN LOAN.

QUICKLY TAKEN UP.

New York, Dec. 21. The Peruvian loan was quickly taken up. Only \$10,000 (?) was allotted to Europe, principally to London.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CARGO SEIZURE.

SERIOUS AFFAIR IN SHANTUNG.

BRITISH GOVT. PROTESTS.

London, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, Sir Gratton Doyle and Mr. Foot-Mitchell enquired regarding the seizure and confiscation on December 2nd, at Lintsing, of a cargo of British goods of the value of \$24,000 (Mex.) by Marshal Chang Tsung-chang, the Tupan of Shantung, notwithstanding an offer to pay irregular taxes.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the action of the Shantung authorities appeared to be pure robbery. The Consul-General at Tsinanfo had protested locally and Sir Miles Lampson had also made the strongest verbal representations to the Foreign Minister at Peking who had telegraphed to Shantung and promised to take up the matter with the Premier and with Marshal Chang Tso-lin's headquarters. He had confessed that he had no authority in Shantung.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that the British Government could not overlook such a gross violation of the elementary rights of British merchants and counted on Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who claimed to control the province of Shantung, to take steps to secure the release of these goods.—*Reuter.*

Open Confiscation.

London, Dec. 21. In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary was asked if he was aware of the disregard of reasonable security for trade shown by some of the Northern Chinese leaders and especially by the Military Governor of Shantung, in whose territory the open confiscation of valuable British merchandise had recently occurred.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that on the 15th December, the British Minister, at Peking, reported that the Shantung authorities were threatening the confiscation of a consignment of goods valued at some \$400,000 or £40,000 belonging to a British Company. These goods were being conveyed in boats on the Grand Canal from Tientsin to Southern Chihli. At Lintsing, in Shantung, they were held up for the enforcement of various irregular taxes. The Company agreed to pay these taxes but, notwithstanding orders were given for the confiscation of the goods. It was alleged that these orders emanated from Marshal Chang Tsung-chang, Military Governor of Shantung. In any case, the action of the Shantung authorities appeared to be pure robbery.

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THE GOVERNMENT AND DOG-RACING.

CONCERNED OVER BETTING EVIL.

London, Dec. 21. A warning to investors in dog-racing was given by Sir William Joynson Hicks, in reply to a non-party deputation of M.P.s.

Sir William said he was examining the powers possessed by the Home Office to deal with the grave evil of juvenile betting, and a new Bill would be introduced in the next session of Parliament to deal therewith, if necessary. He was most anxious with regard to the reports received in regard to the doubtful effects of dog-racing, and whilst the Government had no wish to interfere with sport, it must consider the moral and material interests of the community.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET INTERESTS IN SOUTH CHINA.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CHARGE.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

Berlin, Dec. 21.

The German Government has agreed to the Soviet request to take charge of the latter's interests in South China, and has instructed its Consuls accordingly.—*Reuter.*

A Matter of Courtesy.

It is semi-officially announced that the fulfilment of the Soviet request is a matter of international courtesy and does not mean taking charge of diplomatic representation, which would be impossible, as Germany has not yet recognised the South China Government.

No intervention in the political strife of China is intended and German Consuls have not been authorised to interfere in questions of high politics.

The announcement adds that "it follows that the fulfilment of the

U. S. SUBMARINE DISASTER.

Vessel Lost Through Gales.

New York, Dec. 1.

A message from Province Town says that the Submarine S4 is lost.

The line attached to it has been torn away by the fierce gales and two divers who were lowered to-day failed to find the vessel.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Found Again.

Later. The wreck of the submarine S4 has now been found, and an attempt will be made to drill a hole in the hull through which an air line will be inserted.—*Reuter.*

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S.

SHIPPING ALLEGATION.

New York, Dec. 21.

The Maritime Exchange has recently memorialised President Coolidge, alleging that Britain, Canada and Australia are discriminating against American shipping, and urging American retaliation.

An instance is quoted in which Canada required that cargoes to Canada must be forwarded by Canadian ports in order to obtain preferential duties, and the memorialists have also referred to an arrangement whereby cattle shipped from the United States via Canada might remain in England for fattening before slaughter, whereas cattle sent from the United States direct had to be slaughtered immediately they arrived.

It is also alleged that there are Australian preferences given to merchandise from the Pacific ports of Canada over the goods imported from American Pacific ports.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TROOPS' CHRISTMAS.

A SPECIAL Y.M.C.A. APPEAL.

London, Dec. 21.

The Y.M.C.A. is appealing for funds for special Christmas festivities for British troops abroad, including those at Shanghai, Hongkong and Weihaiwei.

A sum of £400 has so far been contributed but much more is required.—*Reuter.*

THREE YEARS.

CANADIAN FORGER SENTENCED.

PLEA FOR LENIENCY.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, Richard Charles Williams, alias Charles Ping, alias Charles, Puig, alias Charles Stone, who is described as a native of Quebec, Canada, was sentenced to three years' hard labour on three counts of fraud.

The counts were as follows:—(a) that he on December 2, 1926, at No. 4a, Des Voeux Road Central, in this Colony, did by false pretences obtain \$502.62 in Hongkong currency, and cheques or valuable securities, namely, 10 travellers' cheques, Nos. 214170 to 214179 (inclusive) of the value of \$5 each, and 40 travellers' cheques, Nos. 341257 to 341296 (inclusive) of the value of \$10 each, issued by the American Express Co., Inc., of No. 65, Broadway, New York, with intent to defraud;

(b) that he on December 2, 1926, at the same address in this Colony, did utter, knowing to be forged, a certain valuable security, namely, a letter of credit purporting to have been issued in his favour by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem for an amount not exceeding \$2,000, with intent to defraud; and

(c) that he on December 2, 1926, in this Colony, did feloniously and with intent to defraud, demand and receive certain moneys on certain securities for money, namely, \$502.62 in Hongkong currency, and 60 travellers' cheques issued by the American Express Co., Inc., 10 of which were of the value of \$5 each, and 40 of the value of \$10 each, by virtue of a certain false instrument, to wit, a forged letter of credit purporting to have been issued by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem in his favour for an amount not exceeding on the whole \$2,000, knowing it to be forged.

Plea of Guilty.

The prisoner pleaded "guilty" to all three counts.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., defended.

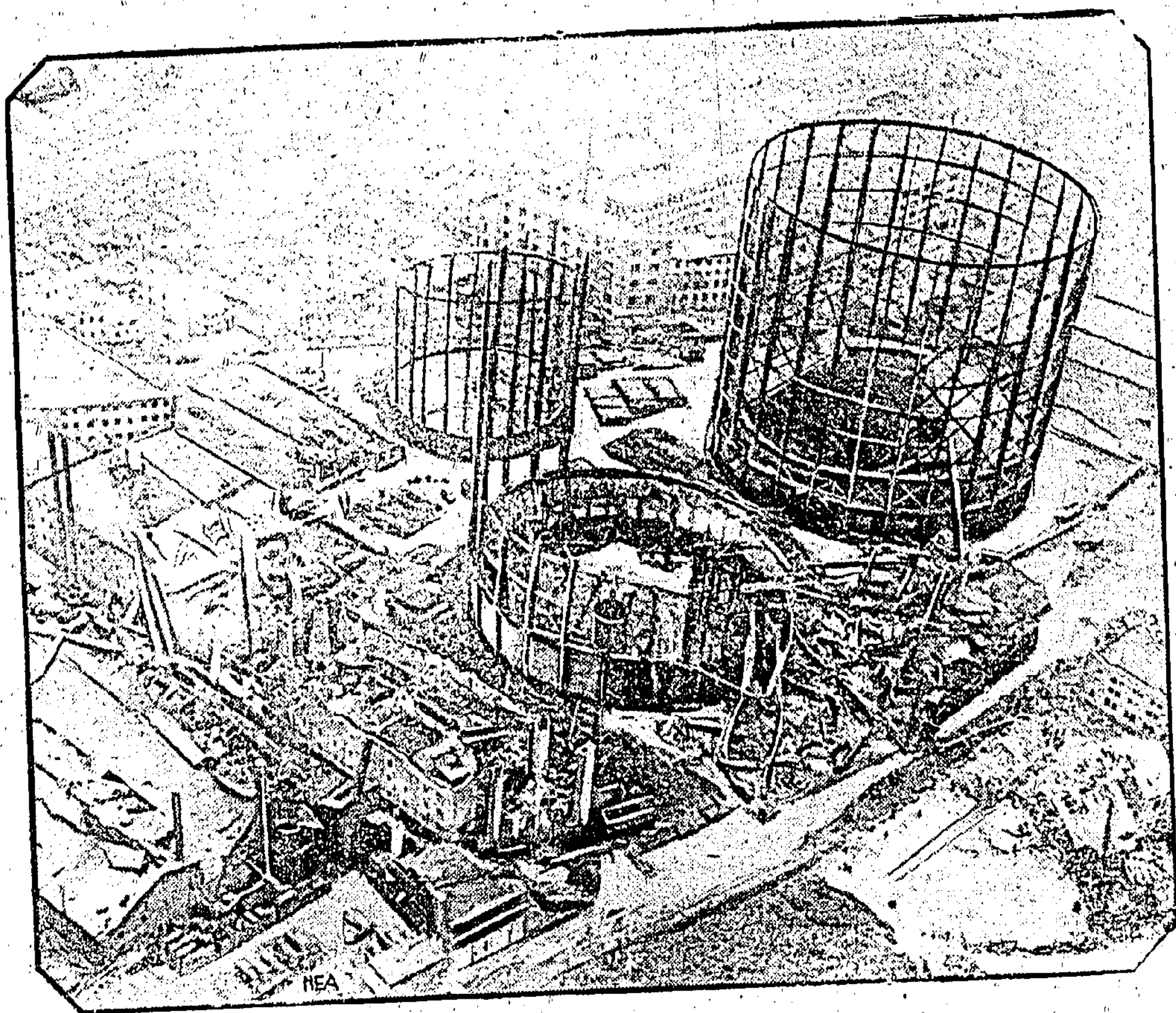
In giving a history of the prisoner's activities concerning the charges preferred against him, Mr. Jenkin produced a letter of credit issued to prisoner in the sum of \$200 which had been burned in four places. Prisoner's explanation was that whilst dismounting from a horse in Palestine he placed his jacket on a blacksmith's anvil and a piece of hot iron fell on it, burning the letter. At his request, the bank issued a new letter of credit for \$200, through their Beyrouth branch, and prisoner sent them a receipt for it from Mount Lebanon. He then travelled around Palestine and Iraq.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said that prisoner had made claims to have been born in Heliopolis, in Egypt, and in Barcelona, Spain, but his heaviest claim seemed to be Quebec, in Canada. It was obvious that he was a linguist of no mean order and was able to converse with most people. This was not his only claim to notoriety.

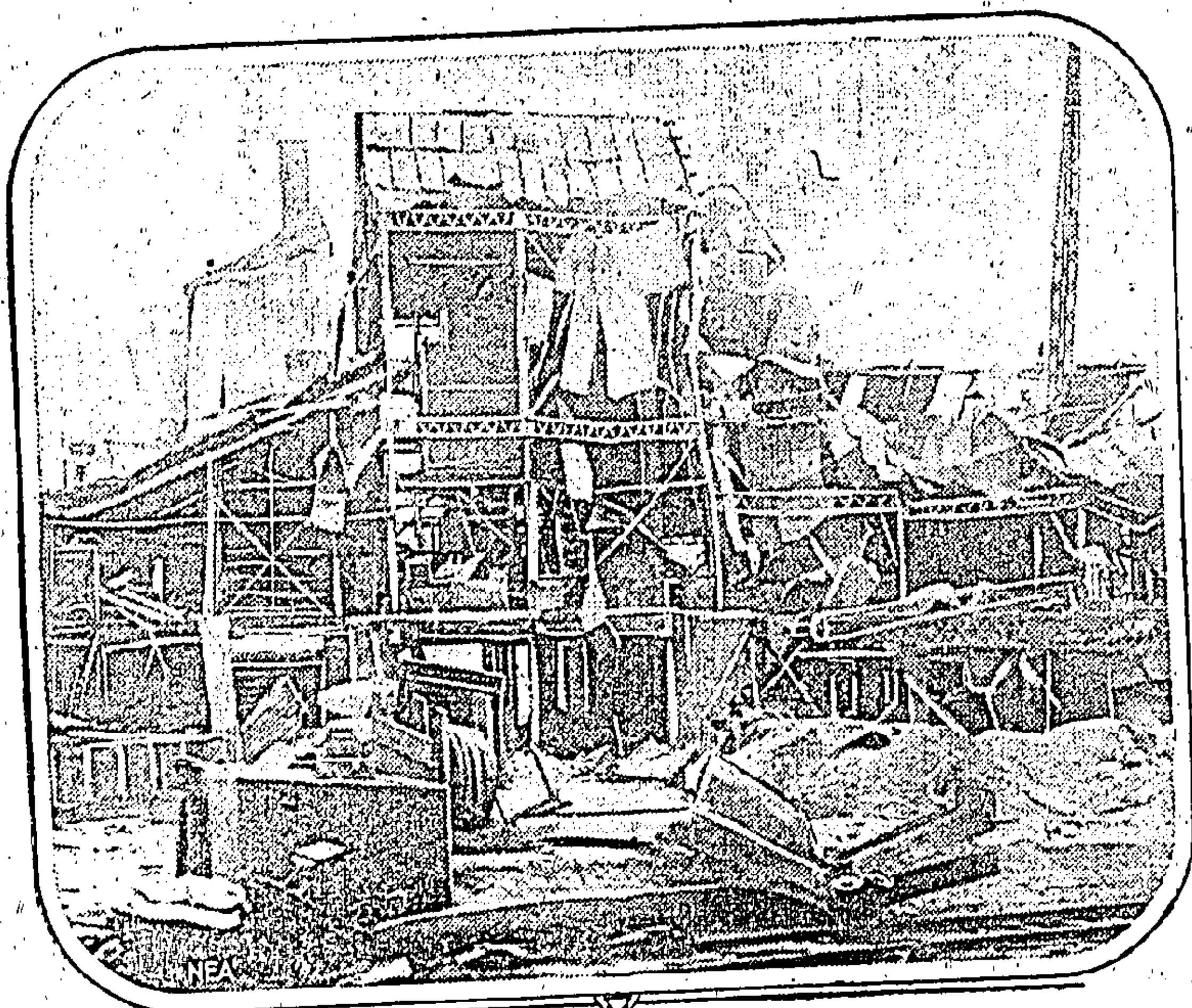
Another Forgery.

Eventually, continued counsel, he fetched up at Bombay on October 14, 1926, and drew another \$75 on this letter of credit. A little later, by altering it, he was able to obtain another \$1,000. He then went to Calcutta and Singapore, and at the latter place obtained £450 from the American Express Company by a further forgery. It appeared that he altered the letter to show its value at \$200 face value, and also altered the drawings, so as to show that he was still entitled to a large amount. He got another \$25 at Singapore.

Prisoner arrived in Hongkong on or about December 1st, 1926, and on December 2 obtained \$500 from the American Express Company, which was the subject of the three charges. He also obtained £450 by means of travellers' cheques, which he disposed of in (Continued on Page 16.)



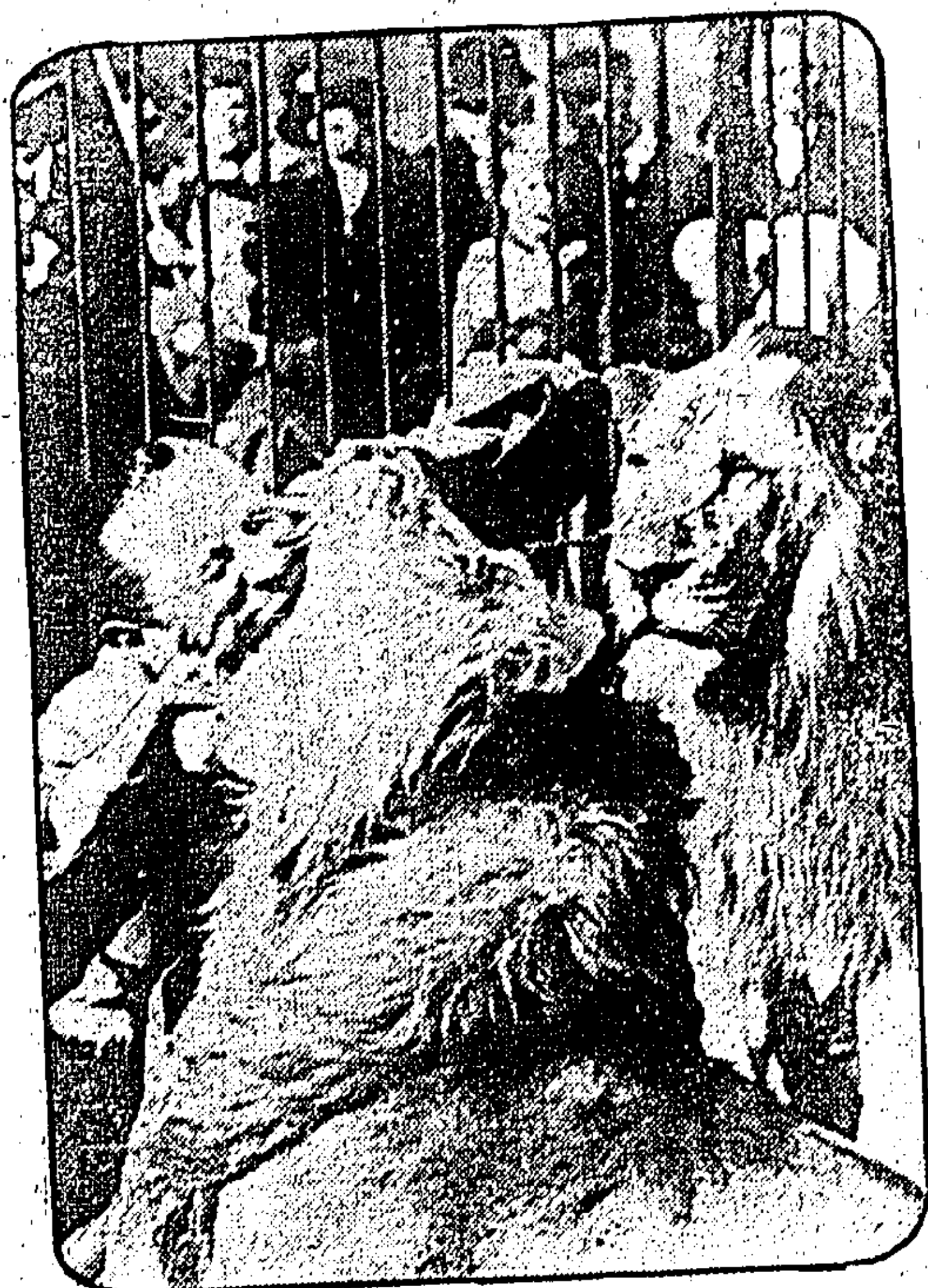
That the late Warren G. Harding was the father of her child, claimed in a recent book by Nan Britten, formerly of Marion, O., has been denied by a spokesman for the relatives of the late President. Nan Britten and her daughter, Elizabeth Ann, are pictured above.



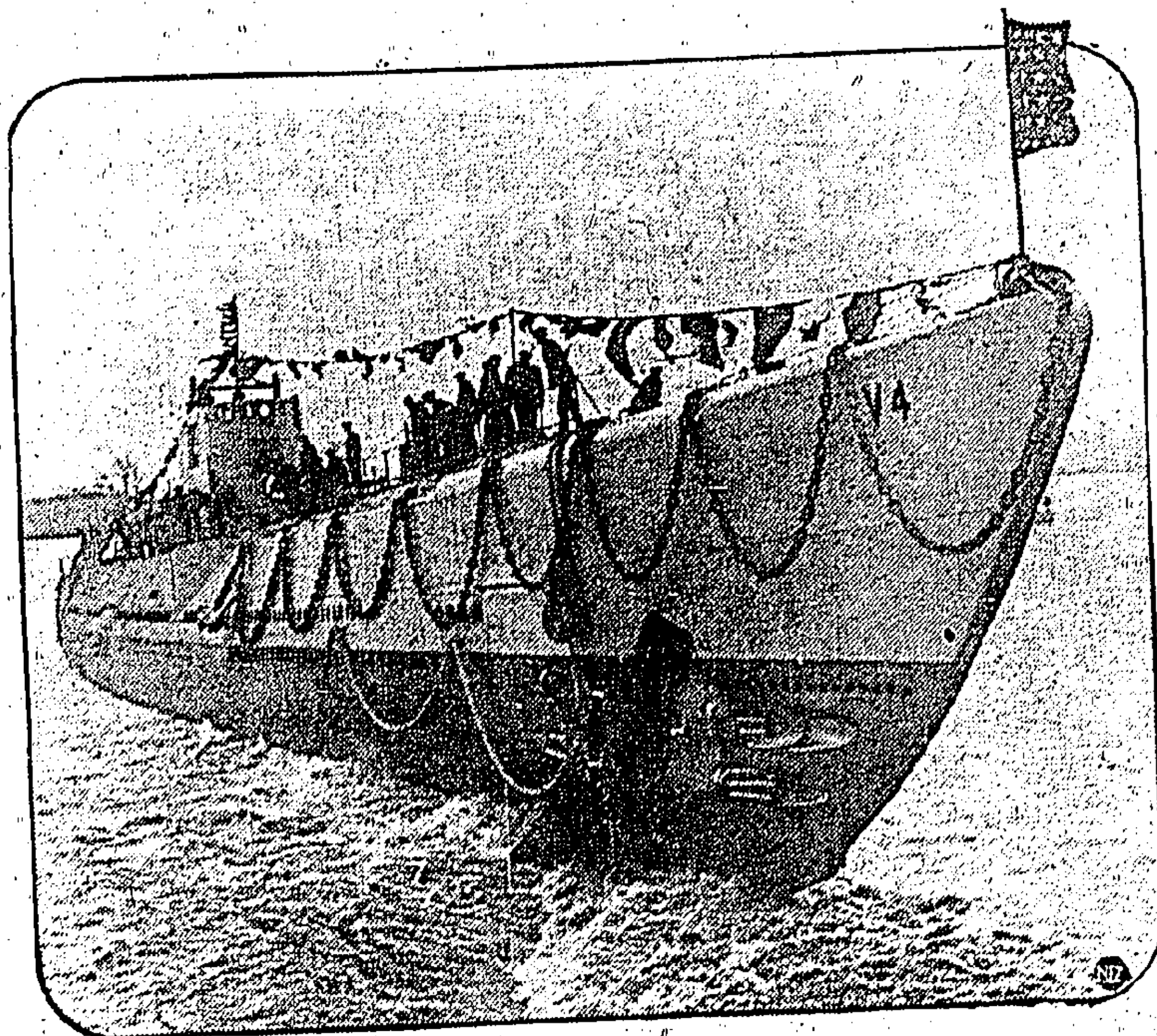
Twenty-eight people are known to have been killed, many more are missing and nearly 50 were injured when the big gas tank of the Equitable gas Company, at Pittsburgh, exploded. In the photo at remains of which can be seen in the centre of the top picture, exploded. In the photo at remains of which can be seen in the centre of the top picture, exploded. In the photo at remains of which can be seen in the centre of the top picture, exploded. In the photo at remains of which can be seen in the centre of the top picture, exploded.



Miss Ruth Elder and George Haldeman visited Mme. Nungesser, mother of the lost French trans-Atlantic flier, during their Paris sojourn to express their condolences and sympathy. Here are the three together.



Captain Schneider, whose antics among big circus lions is all the rage of Berlin, is here pictured at one of his little before-breakfast stunts.



Greatest of all her kind is America's new submersible, the V-4, pictured here as she took the water at the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard. The V-4, to be manned by a complement of 8 officers and 80 men when she is commissioned next spring, is the first mine-laying submarine.

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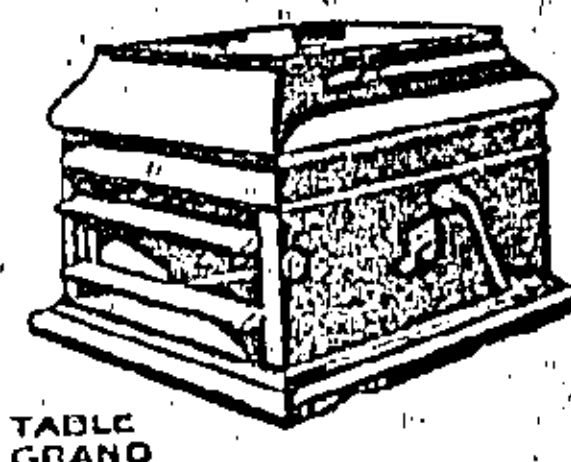
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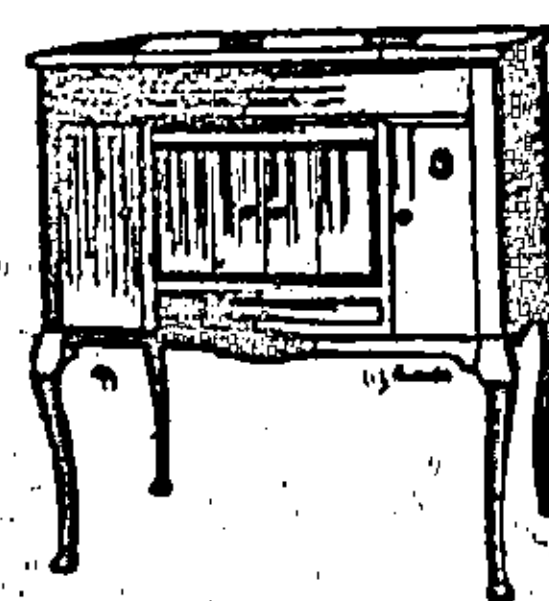
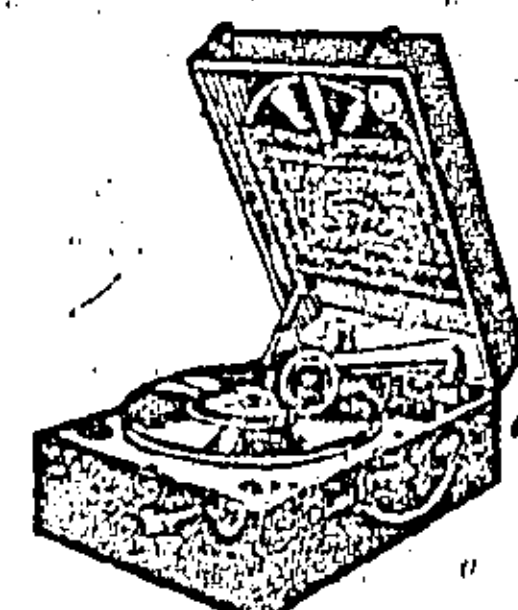
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th instant. (Christmas Holidays).

Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1927.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART.

EXHIBITION AND CONTEST. AT MACAO.

Macao 2nd to 15th January, 1928.

For particulars address:

The Director,

PORT WORKS DEPARTMENT, Macao.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

Saturday, December 24th. Interport Trial.

Probables v. Royal Navy.

Hongkong Club ground, Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

Monday, December 26th.

Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition.

Scotland v. Portugal.

Hongkong Club ground, Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

Tuesday, December 27th.

England v. South China.

Hongkong Club ground, Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

Full Time in all these games. ALL PAY.

W. E. HOLLANDS,

Hon. Secretary.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the O.C. R.A.S.C. Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, at 12 noon on Tuesday, 3rd January, 1928, for the supply of the under-mentioned commodities for a period of 6 months commencing 1st February, 1928:—

Hay Dry Local. Bran
Rice Straw. Rock Salt
Green Grass
Lined.

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be had at the above office daily between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. except Sunday and Monday 25th and 26th December, 1927.

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Offices of the Douglas Steamship Company have been removed to the New P. and O. Building, (4th floor) from Monday, 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

NOTICE.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

'SPECIAL' AND 'FAMILY' MONTHLY TICKETS.

Holders of the above-mentioned tickets are hereby informed that effective January 1st, 1928, such tickets will not be available.

SPECIAL tickets are those which have hitherto been sold at less than the charge of \$5.00 each.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

LAM MING FAN,

Hongkong, Dec. 20th., 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on FRIDAY,

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commencing at 11 a.m.

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10 Parcels containing 55 Silk

Shawls and 56 Old Embroidered Pieces, more or less

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85 Bunches Music.

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The Auctioneers,

Hongkong, 12th Dec., 1927.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.

If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

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FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASES.

Saturday, 24th December, at 3.15.

Admission to Public Enclosure \$1.00. Ladies Free.

Admission to Subscribers Enclosure on production of badge only.

Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free, and Two Non-members at \$5.00 each.

Cars parked on the Racecourse \$5.00 each.

Tickets obtainable from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

SPECIAL TRAINS. Return

Fare 1st Class \$1.50, 2nd Class 90 cents. Leave Kowloon 2.00 p.m.

SPECIAL EXPRESS return 5.41 p.m. Which allows plenty of time to prepare for the Xmas Eve Festivities.

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Massage, Medical Electricity.

Remedial Exercises.

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U.S. EXPERT ON VIVACITY WITHOUT VITALITY.

Mr. Bernard MacFadden, the father of the physical culture movement in the United States and America's leading exponent of the strength-and-beauty crusade, was entertained at dinner by M.P.s. at the House of Commons recently. Mr. MacFadden has not been in Great Britain since before the war, and the impression he has gathered of the physical qualities of our people seems to be far from complimentary.

To a Daily Mail reporter he said: The people of Britain are not nearly so good physically as when I saw them last 14 years ago. I can account for it only by the fact that they have not yet recovered from the depressing influence of the war.

If there was one distinctive attribute of British men and women in pre-war years it was their liveliness and quickness of demeanour and deportment, but this is now glaringly missing. The defect is noticeable both in your men and women, but the boys and girls I have seen are better all round.

British womanhood, at the cost of appearance and health, is developing the tall, thin, elongated species. They have become more vivacious, but their vivacity is forced and unnatural. They possess vivacity without vitality.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$115 1/4 b.

Chartered Bank, \$214 b.

Mercantile A. & B., \$33 n.

P. and O. \$10 n.

East Asia, \$52 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$585 b.

Union Ins., \$293 1/2 b.

North China Ins., \$143 n.

Yangtze Ins., \$161 b.

China Underwriters, \$140 n.

China Fire, \$215 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$655 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 b.

H. K. Steamboats, \$211 b.

H. K. Tugs, \$2 b.

Indo-China, (Pref.) \$30 n.

Shall Trans., 90/- n.

Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 n.

Kailans, 60/- s.

Langkats, \$181 b.

Shai Exploration, \$12.90 s.

Raub, \$32 n.

Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$32 b.

China Providents, \$340 b.

Hongkows, \$158 b.

New Engineering, \$15 a.

Shanghai Docks, \$15 90 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$15.75 b.

Oriental, \$11 n.

Shai Cottons, \$15.46 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$720 s.

H. K. Lands, \$61 b.

Shai Lands, \$124 b.

Humphreys, \$13.85 b.

Realities, \$730 b.

Territorials, \$14 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$211 s.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.

Star Ferries, \$58 b.

China Lights, (Comb.) \$13.40 b.

H'kong Electric, \$584 n.

Macao Electric, \$44 b.

Telephones, \$3.90 n.

China Buses, \$15 61 n.

Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$71 b.

Malabons, \$30 s.

Canton Ice, \$24 b.

Cements (Comb.) \$6.60 s.

Ropes (Old) \$5 b.

United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$141 b.

Watsons, \$11 n.

Der A. Wing, \$6 s.

Lane Crawfords, \$2.50 b.

Mackintosh, \$22 s.

Sinceres, \$71 n.

Wm. Powells, \$3 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$21 b.

Constructions, \$11 s.

B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 55% b.

H. K. G. Loan, 1/2 Prom.

ICE-BOUND STREETS.

MANY CASUALTIES IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 21.

Fractured skulls, broken arms, legs, collar-bones and wrists, and dislocated fingers are among the 1,600 casualties, due to falls on the icy streets after the sudden thaw, treated at thirty London hospitals.

Ambulance men, doctors and nurses have been worked at high pressure. Such an experience is unprecedented, and similar conditions have obtained throughout the provinces, hundreds of cars being marooned on the marble-like roads and unable to progress.—*Reuter.*

Later.

The number of casualties in London owing to the icy streets is now reported to be 2,000.—*Reuter.*

Transit Disorganised.

London, Dec. 21.

The slippery condition of the roads and pavements in London this morning, caused by rain turning to ice on the frozen ground, caused an extraordinary number of casualties. The hospitals dealt with as many as 1,600 accidents, chiefly broken limbs, sprains and bruises, suffered by pedestrians.

In addition, the electric train services were considerably delayed owing to the trains failing to get on the icy rails. Transit was generally disorganised.—*British Wireless.*

Earlier Message.

London, Dec. 21.

Early this morning a rapid thaw accompanied by sleet, set in in London and over Southern England. The rain at first turned to ice on the frozen ground and for a few hours the roads and pavements were so slippery that early morning traffic was disorganised. Later the thaw became more pronounced and traffic again became normal. Snow is falling heavily in the Peak District and some northern areas.—*British Wireless.*

FAMOUS SAVOYARD.

DEATH OF MR. COURTICE POUNDS.

London, Dec

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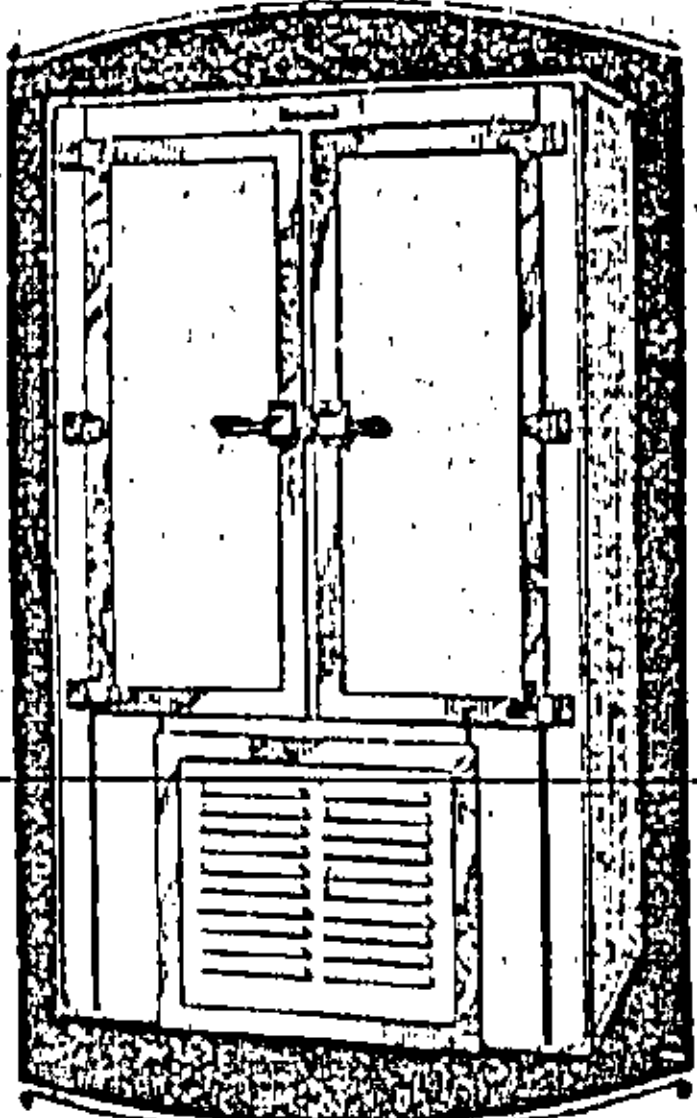
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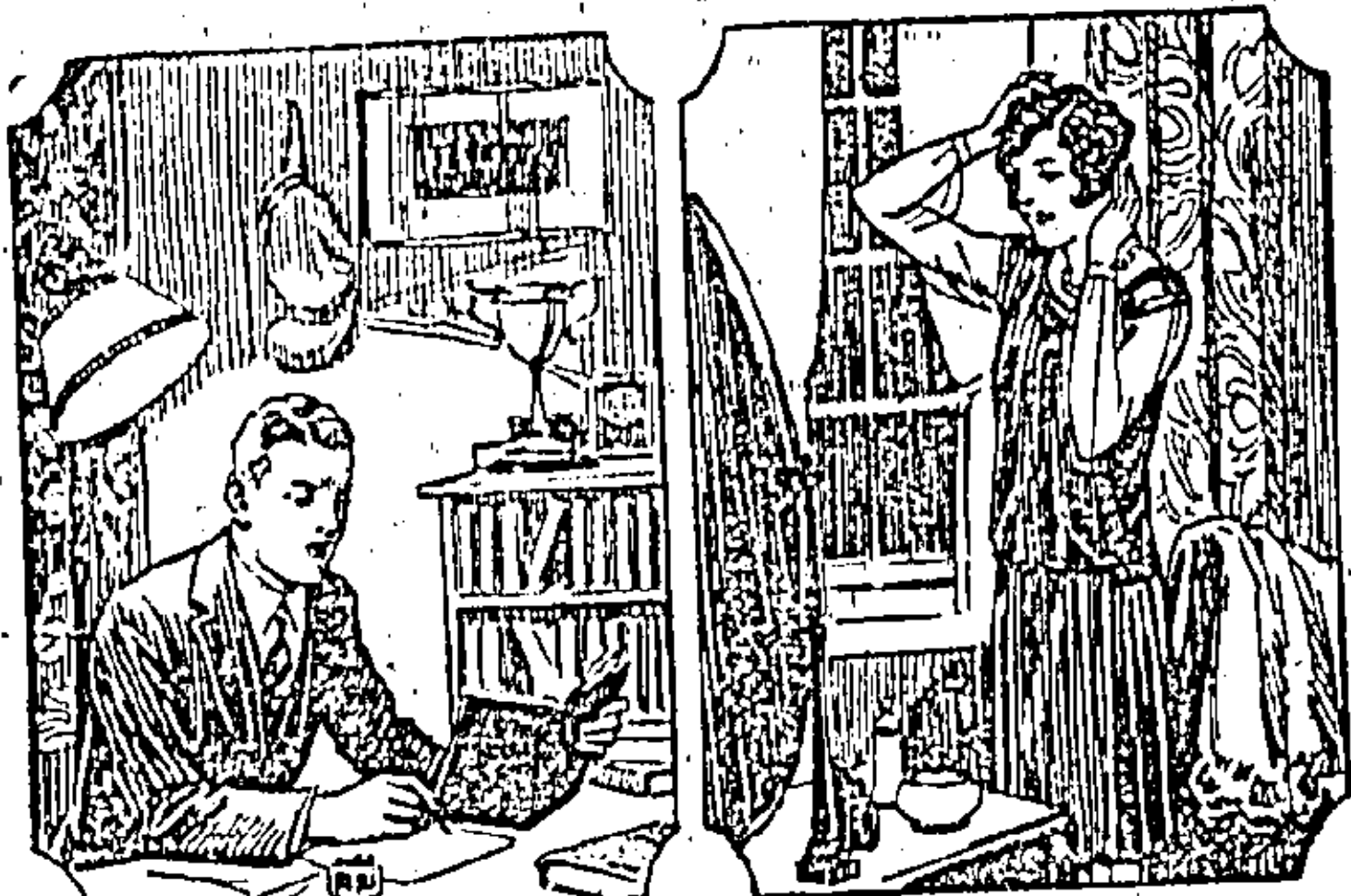
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Your Children - and the Years to Come

Jack Intends

If Dad can finance it, Jack intends to go to college next year. He's a sixteen-year-old, keen on sports, intensely alive, interested in everything that goes on in a man-size in all but years.

Every year he's learning new buying habits—stepping up his spending power. It means that Dad will have to do some figuring to give the boy his start.

What plans are you making for the future of your children? It's important that they should be enabled to follow their natural bent. Guarantee them a good start in life by providing for their future no matter what may happen to you. A Manufacturers Life Endowment Policy will do it.

Edna Hopes

As soon as Dad can manage it, Edna hopes to begin that special training course. She's going out more—wearing evening dress—has to have more clothes. More than ever, each dollar counts. . . must be well spent.

So Mother plans and saves to keep expenditure within bounds. Her son and daughter have earned the right to be well equipped to face life's battles, so that they may have every chance of success.

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Best Brand in the Market.

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BIRD'S NEST TRADE.

HOW INDUSTRY HAS DEVELOPED.

When the "Barbarians" living in what is known to-day as the Straits Settlements brought "birds' nests" as tribute to the Court in Peking in the Tang Dynasty period of 1,100 years ago little did they realise that this delicacy would become in the distant future a commercial commodity bringing wealth to their posterity, says the Chinese Economic Bulletin. The value of "birds' nests" imported into China in 1926 was Hk. \$1,967,365 while the figures for each of the three previous years "exceeded" one million Hkwan taels.

This delicacy is now the premier dish at Chinese dinner parties. A dinner with one course of birds' nests costs a minimum of \$16 to \$20 as compared with the sharks' fins dinner costing \$10 to \$14. It is also taken as a tonic by the rich in the morning, much as milk is taken in the West. It is an expensive luxury and the preparation requires infinite trouble.

Birds' nests are of two qualities. The better kind is known as Kuan Yen or official nest. It is the nest built in the warm months and is quite clean. The price of the best grade is \$4 per liang (37.301 grammes), of the medium \$3, and of the inferior \$1.50.

The other kind is called Mao Yen or hairy nest and is built in the cold months. As its name implies, it is covered with hair and not as clean as the Kuan Yen. Its price is \$16.00 per cattly for the best grade, \$10 for the medium and \$5 for the inferior grade. Each nest weighs from 2 to 2.5 ch'ien (1 ch'ien equals 3.7301 grammes), and two nests after cooking are sufficient to fill one rice bowl.

The preparation of Kuan Yen is to soak it in hot water until spongy, whereafter it is cleaned of any foreign substance. It is then boiled for some 24 hours and sweetened with sugar. The nest itself at the final stage has been dissolved into gelatinous particles which are eaten with the soup. The preparation of the Mao Yen is the same, but the soup is filtered through a piece of cloth to keep out the gelatinous particles holding hairs.

Swallow's Nest.

The name of bird's nest seem to be a misnomer. The Chinese name is literally "swallow's nest." According to the dealers in Shanghai, the nest is built by a swallow as large as a crow. It inhabits the cliffs in the Straits Settlements and lives on whitewash. The nest is made of the bird's own salivary secretions. Natives collect the nests with knives attached to long bamboo poles, as they cannot be reached otherwise.

The birds' nest is an important item on the Chinese menu. Every good restaurant in a large city is able to serve this delicacy at short notice. China's import of this article over a period of 10 years shows a steady increase, with a large percentage consumed in Shanghai, as may be seen in the following table:

Year.	Whole China	Shanghai
	Hk. \$	Hk. \$
1917	208,001	319,318
1918	812,562	387,999
1919	854,926	430,029
1920	823,937	403,926
1921	971,875	537,791
1922	923,399	441,737
1923	1,050,099	584,438
1924	1,098,578	582,088
1925	1,244,255	711,524
1926	907,365	574,835

Most of the supplies come from Singapore, Java, Hongkong and some from India, French Indo-China and other places like Egypt, Turkey and Persia. The following table shows the leading sources of supply and the values from each source in units of Hk. \$1,000.

Year	1st Place	2nd Place
1917	Singapore 372	Hongkong 315
1918	" 406	" 309
1919	" 459	" 308
1920	Hongkong 430	Singapore 381
1921	Singapore 571	Hongkong 384
1922	" 546	" 384
1923	" 610	" 420
1924	" 549	" 492
1925	" 661	" 492
1926	" 613	" 289

(Note: Singapore includes the Straits, etc. Indo-China denotes French Indo-China. The figure after each name denotes the value of import from the country in units of Hk. \$1,000).

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

LARGE INCREASE UNDER ACT NEXT YEAR.

London, Dec. 21. January 2 will increase the total number of persons benefiting under the Government's Widows and Orphans and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act to 1,255,600. New pensions have been awarded to 450,000 insured persons between the ages of 65 and 70 who become entitled next month to draw for the first time an old-age pension of 10/- a week, without reference to their income from other sources.—British Wireless.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS FROM SINGAPORE.

Messrs. Carroll Brothers have received the following quotations of rubber shares:

Allenbys	\$ 3.10
Alor Gajah	2.60
Amalgamated Malays	4.20
Ayer Moleks	2.65
Ayer Panas	11.70
Balgonies	3.60
Basettis	1.40
Brogas	1.65
Bukit Jelutongs	1.25
Bukit Katils	1.25
Changkat Serdangs	8.90
Connemaras	2.40
Glencalies	3.10
Indragiris	11.75
Jerams	1.75
Jimahs	2.80
Kedahs	4.25
Kempas	8.23
Kuala Sidims	4.20
Lunas	3.25
Malaka Pindas	2.95
Mandai Tekongs	0.75
Mentakabs	0.65
New Serendahs	4.55
Pajams	2.80
Punggora	1.30
Sandycrofts	2.80
Scudais	3.40
Sungei Bagans	3.10
Tapahs	1.60
Tumbalaks	3.15
Teluk Ansons	2.60
United Malaccas	3.95
Utun Simpans	3.95

The price of raw rubber is 1/7-7/8d. per lb.

COTTON CRISIS.

AN INFORMATION BUREAU.

London, Dec. 21.

Mr. Hammersley, interviewed in regards to his cotton proposals, stressed the necessity of establishing a Central Information Bureau for the Lancashire trade, which at present had no intelligence organisation. It was, from an export view point, like an army without a general staff as contrasted with conditions in Japan where there was far greater centralisation of information and where all branches of trade were controlled from a centre.

He claimed that such a scheme would change the whole position from hopeless to hopeful.—Reuter.

ONLY 2 more shopping days to Christmas

Gift Directory

We enumerate below a few of the many acceptable presents we have on show. There are many more that would be appreciated, and we invite you to inspect the goods displayed in various Departments without obligation to purchase.

IN THE LADIES' DEPARTMENT

Silk Hosiery and Gloves
Hand Bags
Novelty Handkerchiefs
Manicure Sets
Fancy Belts
Cigarette Companions
Powder Bowls
Nightdress Cases
En-Tout-Cas, Etc.

IN THE MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Ties and Handkerchiefs to match
Ties—Open end or Bow
Gloves in Fabric or Leather
Scarves in Silk, Artificial Silk or Wool.
Dressing Gowns, Travelling Rugs, Pullovers,
Slippers, Socks, Writing, Attache and Suit
Cases, Walking Sticks and Umbrellas
Handkerchiefs in Cambric or Linen.

IN THE TOY DEPARTMENT

We offer an abundant selection of Gifts for Boys and Girls—Trains, Soldiers, Constructional Toys, Dolls, Tea Sets, Games and Soft Toys included. Also many Novelties.

IN THE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

Pyjama Cases
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Laundry and Soiled Linen Bags
Many Novelties in Electro-Plated Goods.

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GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY.

Our Store will remain open until 6 p.m. during next week.

Gifts for School Boys and Girls

NEW DIAMOND POINT PENS

The Lowest-priced Good Fountain Pens
in the Market

Black chased pen, nickel-silver clip and lever	\$2
Black chased, gold clip and lever	\$3
Black chased, gold narrow band, lever, and clip	\$5.50
Orange barrel, gold band lever and ring	\$6
Black chased, gold clip and lever, big size	\$7.50
Big orange pen, wide gold band, lever and clip	\$10.50
Big white pen mottled with black, brown or blue, gold narrow band, clip & lever	\$12
18K gold filled pen with ring, for girls	\$11, \$12.50, \$15
Rolled gold automatic pencil	\$5

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ROBBERY CHARGES.

WOMAN'S ALLEGED FRIENDS
ON TRIAL.

Alleged to have assisted in causing a woman to be robbed while posing as her friends and eventually trying to get rid of her, by pushing her over an embankment at Hunghom, on October 28, a man and woman, Hui Tak, alias Leung Tak, and Wong Ho, appeared before Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to answer charges of robbery.

The first charge was one of stealing five bangles and a gold finger ring and the second stealing a pair of finger rings. Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith appears for the Crown, defendants, who are not represented by counsel, pleading not guilty.

Mr. Whyte Smith in outlining the circumstances for the Crown said that the victim, Lo Kiu, was a married woman living at Cheung Chau. She came to Hongkong on October 11 to act as a nurse to the first prisoner's child. The second prisoner offered Lo Kiu the job.

When she arrived in the Colony both prisoners met her and took her to No. 228 Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo. Complainant returned to Cheung Chau on October 17, leaving her ratan basket behind her at the request of the first prisoner. She again came back to Hongkong on October 27 and was met by the first prisoner. Together they went to the Tai Nam Street house. The prisoner then went out and returned later in the evening in company with the second prisoner.

Attacked by Robbers.

The two of them persuaded the complainant to go to the pictures from which place they returned at 12.45 a.m. When in a dark part of the street two men sprang upon her and robbed her of jewellery she was wearing. The two prisoners also seized her and exhorted her to give up her property, saying that otherwise the robbers would kill her. The robbers ran away and the two prisoners escorted her home.

She apparently became suspicious of the intentions of the man and woman. She asked them to report the matter to the police, but they replied that they did not know where to go. As a result of worrying them they told her they would take her to the robbers who were in Yaumati.

Apparently all three went out together and arrived at the railway tunnel at Hunghom, where they proceeded along an embankment path. After going a short distance, and because it was very dark, the complainant refused to go any further. The first prisoner then seized her while the second prisoner removed her rings, after which they pushed her over the embankment.

At ten minutes past four that morning an Indian policeman on duty in Kowloon City Road noticed a man and woman walking arm in arm from the direction of Hunghom toward Kowloon City. At 5.40 a.m. the same policeman noticed a woman walking in the opposite direction. Having received certain information he stopped and questioned her. He took her to Hunghom Police Station and she was afterwards taken to Shamshuipo Police Station. On being searched the bangles were found on her.

The first prisoner was arrested as the result of information on November 11 at the Shekhi junk wharf. When charged with the robbery the first prisoner admitted taking a part, while the woman said that she had picked the bangles up and was desirous of returning them to their owner.

Evidence was called bearing out the Crown's case.

Statement Query.

An interpreter read out the first prisoner's statement in answer to the charge preferred at the police station as "I did take part." Witness was sure that the statement was handed to the prisoner, who read it before signing it.

Detective Inspector Fallon corroborated this evidence.

The prisoner said his words were "I did not take part" and alleged that he was not given an opportunity of reading the statement.

His Lordship pointed out that at the Magistracy the first prisoner had denied participation while the woman reserved her defence.

This closed the case for the Crown and his Lordship adjourned the case until to-day.

HONGKONG ESTATES.

FORMER RESIDENT'S BIG
FORTUNE.

A re-sealing of probate in respect of the will of Mrs. E. Raumann, widow, late of 21 Mount Ephraim Road, Stratham, formerly of Antwerp House, 106 Oakfield Road, Croyden, has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master. Mrs. Raumann died on December 22 last year, and left estate in the Colony to the value of \$45,200.

Mr. Tinson is the attorney of Mrs. A. J. E. Tilby. Mrs. Raumann's daughter of 21 Mount Ephraim Road, Stratham, the sole executrix. Everything is bequeathed to Mrs. Tilby.

Mr. W. Inglis, late of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who died at Capar, Fife, Scotland on January 23 this year, left estate in Hongkong to the value of \$41,300. Other estates in Scotland, England and abroad amount to £31,528-0-10.

Re-sealing of Testament Testimonial has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who is the attorney of Messrs. Baring Bros. and Co., Ltd., 8 Bishop's Gate, London.

FRENCH TRADE.

FIGURES FOR ELEVEN
MONTHS.

Paris, Dec. 21.—French imports for the first eleven months of 1927 totalled 47,636,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 6,675,000,000 francs compared with the same period last year. Exports amounted to 50,204,000,000 francs showing a decrease of 4,102,000,000 francs.

HIGHER WAGES.

U.S. RAILWAYMEN TO
BENEFIT.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Federal Arbitration Board has granted an increase of wages to the engine drivers and firemen of the Western Railways the average increase being thirty cents a day.

This increase affects 55,000 men.

—Reuter's American Service.

WHOSE GOAT?

INDIAN CONSTABLES
CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Finding that there was insufficient evidence to prove that the goat with which the defendants were seen was the same one as that stolen from the complainant, Mr. W. Schofield discharged an Indian sergeant and two Indian constables who were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with larceny.

The complainant, a warder of the Laichikok Gaol, was represented by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, and Mr. L. R. Andrews appeared for the three defendants.

The evidence of the prosecution was that the defendant was permitted to keep a goat. Sometime during the end of September the animal was stolen, and on September 30 the three defendants were seen leading a goat from Laichikok. It was claimed by the prosecution that that goat was the one which the complainant had lost.

The defence admitted taking a goat from Laichikok on the day in question, but the defendants both stated that that goat was the property of a certain Mohamed Ali of the Laichikok Gaol and that it had been given to them to sell. The defendants had taken it to Bailey's Shipyard, where it had been left with a friend.

His Worship found in favour of the defendants and the men were discharged.

HOLIDAY SOCCER.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
WEEK-END.

The Hongkong Football Association advertise that the following matches will be played during the holidays: Saturday, December 24, kick off at 3.45 p.m. Hongkong Club ground. Interport Trial:—Probables v. Royal Navy. Monday, December 26, kick off at 3.45 p.m. Hongkong Club ground. Sunday. Herald. International Charity Cup Competition, Scotland v. Portugal. Tuesday, December 27, kick off at 3.45 p.m. Hongkong Club ground. Sunday. Herald. International Charity Cup Competition, England v. South China.



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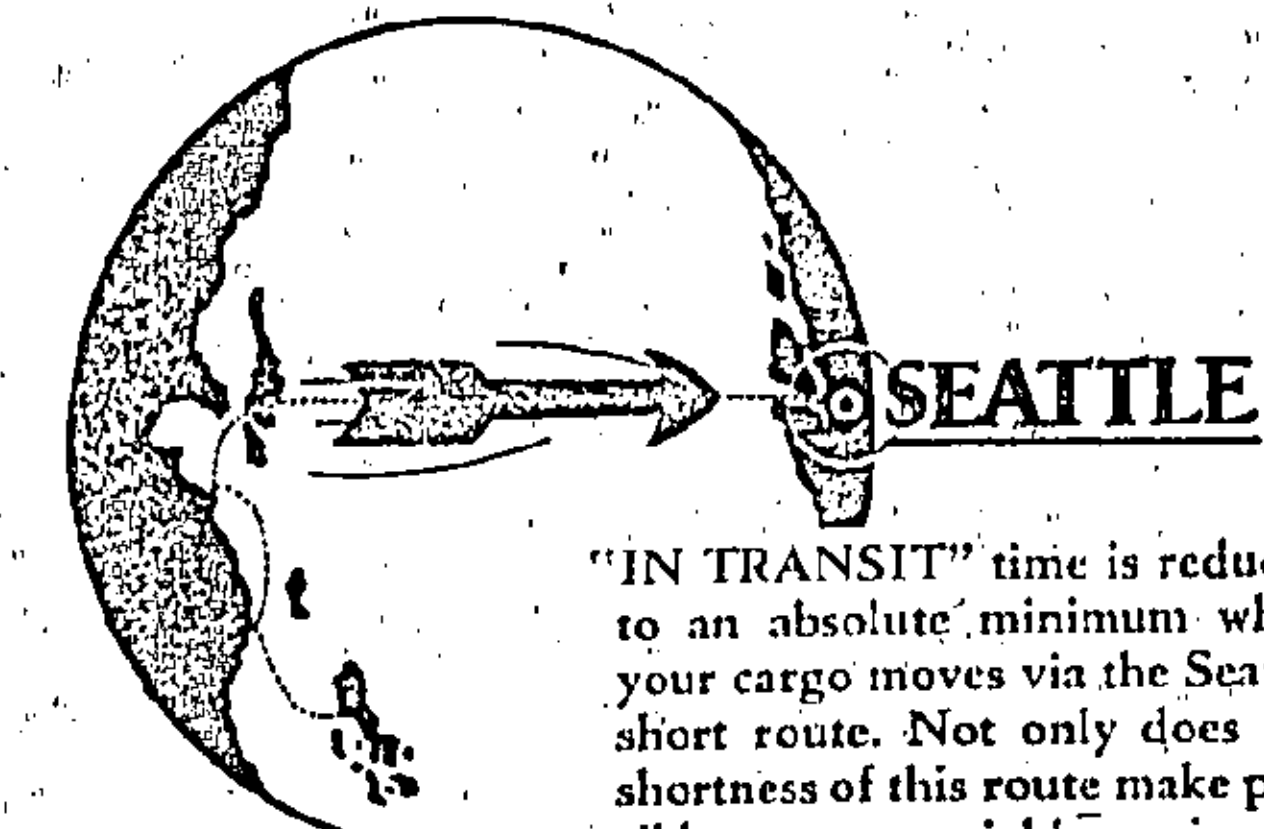
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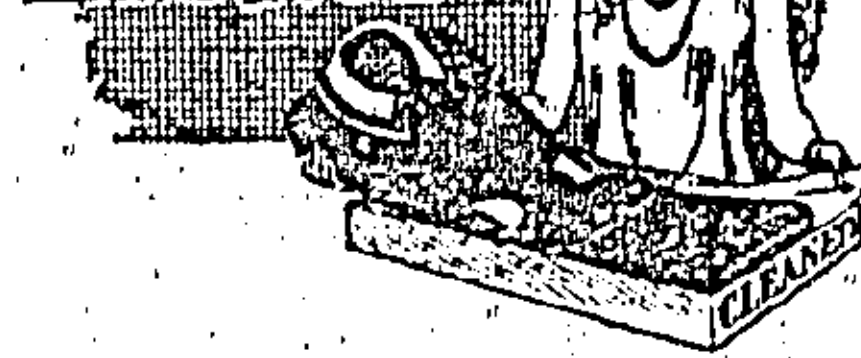
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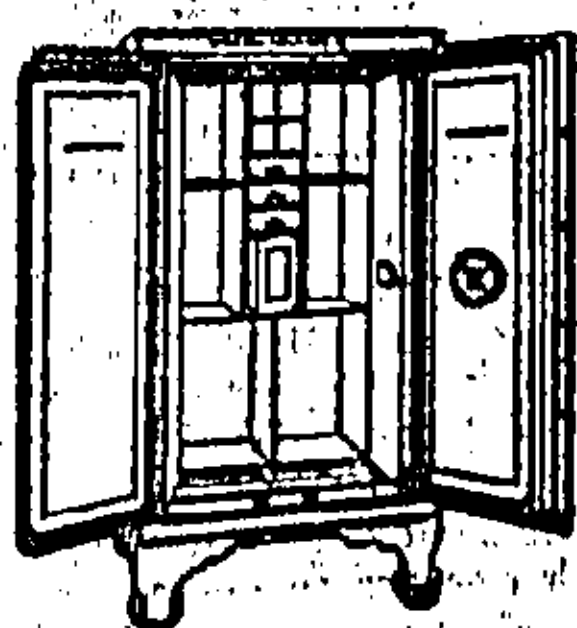
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THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1927.

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

Details of the proposed Aberdeen Valley scheme for increasing the water supply of the island of Hongkong have now been issued in the form of a Sessional Paper, which, we presume, will be laid before the Legislative Council in due course. Yesterday, we gave an outline of the main features of the scheme, from which it will have been seen that the chief value claimed for it is that it will prove a great relief to the Western districts of the city, which are at present the first to be restricted, and that, if needs be, distribution can also be extended eastwards. The estimate of expenditure involved is placed at \$2,627,000, and it seems that the scheme will take some three years to complete, resulting in a supply of 2.12 million gallons per day.

As a scheme for enhancing the supplies of the island, the project no doubt has much to commend it, but two thoughts will suggest themselves on consideration of the matter. The first is that, admitting some such scheme to be absolutely necessary, there has been very serious delay in not having pushed ahead with it long ere this. This question of the inadequacy of the island's sources of supply has been before the Colony for years, yet we have, even now, not advanced any further towards a solution of the problem than the issuing of details of a scheme which will take some years to complete. The second idea that occurs to one is whether the Colony should commit itself to such a project when it is borne in mind that we have already carried out a substantial part of the Shing Mun Valley scheme, the main reason for initiating which was to assure the island a larger and more constant supply. According to the official details issued yesterday, the Aberdeen scheme, if put into effect, will not yield more than 2.12 million gallons per day. Comparing this with the Shing Mun undertaking, we recall that the first portion of the latter project (in connexion with which lengthy tunnels and open conduits have already been constructed at great expense) was estimated to yield a supply of some five million gallons daily, whilst the complete gravity portion of the scheme

would produce more than double that supply. The present position is that the completion of the Shing Mun scheme is, to use the phrase recently employed by a Government official, "being held in abeyance," and the Government now comes forward with this new project, designed to contend with precisely the same problem which caused the Shing Mun plan to be devised, and, it would seem, not likely to prove nearly as efficacious. To the ordinary layman, the logical procedure would appear to be the completion of works already begun rather than embarkation on an entirely fresh undertaking.

The fact of the matter is that there has been far too much dilly-dallying with this water supply problem, and far too many changes of official policy in relation thereto. We would therefore venture to suggest that when the Aberdeen Valley scheme comes before the Council, Unofficial members should let the Government know that the public is tired of all this procrastination and wavering between conflicting opinions. We have never yet encountered a definite, clear-cut pronouncement as to why the Shing Mun scheme should not be pushed ahead sufficiently to give Hongkong the supplies which its completion could guarantee. A precise and unambiguous statement on that point, together with comparative data in regard to the length of time and expenditure likely to be involved in the Aberdeen scheme and in the bringing of water from Shing Mun Valley to Hongkong, is called for. Our Unofficial members might endeavour to secure that information for the ratepayers, who, in any case, will have to foot the bill.

A Hopeful Movement.

General satisfaction has to be expressed at the fact that the Council of the Trades Union Congress has accepted the invitation of the leading industrialists at Home to meet in conference to discuss the industrial problems facing the country and to see if peace in industry generally can be promoted. To our mind, there has been no more important step taken at Home for many years past, and there should be every endeavour made to reap the fruit which this meeting promises to yield. The disastrous coal strike of 1926 was an outstanding object lesson regarding the wastefulness of strikes and all suchlike industrial friction and it is not too much to say that the great majority of the working people at Home—the rank and file of the great Trade Unions—are "fed up" with strikes and disputes. They long for nothing better than steady work at fair rates of pay, and it is doubtless in the full knowledge of that fact that the big industrialists, with Sir Alfred Mond at their head, have made this offer of a "get together" movement. We do not think that large employers of labour are in these days in the least desirous of underpaying their staffs; in fact there is a better spirit and atmosphere at Home than has been the case for many years. It is to be hoped that Britain has passed through the stage when it is generally thought that the interests of the employers and the employed are opposed, and that we are on the threshold of the practical realisation of the truth that those interests are closely interwoven and interdependent. The year 1927 will doubtless be a record for recent years regarding freedom from serious industrial disputes, and the benefits of this year's experience are doubtless sufficiently apparent to lead to the present overtures. At all events, a great opportunity now presents itself and it is with considerable pleasure that we note that the T. U. C. has nominated such leading men as Mr. Ben Tillett, Mr. Will Thorne and Mr. J. H. Thomas to meet the committee of industrialists. It shows that the Trade Union world has taken the invitation seriously. May it be the beginning of the long-awaited co-operation.

To the medical student there is much of interest in the November issue of *The Caduceus*, the journal of the Hongkong University Medical Society. Sir Berkeley Moynihan, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, writes on "Before and after Operation," whilst there is also an interesting article on infantile tetanus in Hongkong by Dr. C. Y. Wang. Other contributors are Drs. S. Y. Wong, M. O. Pfister, T. C. Wong, R. E. Tottenham and S. F. Li.

DAY BY DAY.

MEMORY IS A PARADISE OUT OF WHICH FATE CANNOT DRIVE US.—*Dumas, Fils.*

A further Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified yesterday.

We have received a most useful office calendar from Messrs. Davis, Boag & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

The customary Christmas fancy dress dance is to be held at the Central British School, Kowloon, this evening.

The latest Felix cartoon, "Felix Trifles with Time," is being screened in the current programme at the Queen's Theatre along with the entertaining mystery play, "The Chinese Parrot."

To-day's Observatory report says the monsoon is interrupted to the north of Amoy. It will retain moderate over the China Sea. The forecast up to non tomorrow is:—North or variable winds, light; fine.

A Chinese, believed to be a seaman of a passenger boat, was arrested on board the s.s. Chenonceaux yesterday by the police. The arrested man had in his possession three revolvers, one magazine and five clips.

Passengers due to arrive here from Home by s.s. Devanha on Saturday morning include Mr. and Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mrs. Eldon Potter, Capt. and Mrs. P. R. G. Cumming, Miss W. A. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. J. McKelvie.

For travelling by train from Fanning to Kowloon yesterday without purchasing a ticket, a Chinese of the coolie class was fined \$5 or seven days' hard labour in default, by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning.

On enquired to-day at the French Hospital we learn that the condition of Mr. E. R. Price, of the *China Mail*, who underwent an urgent operation for appendicitis on Tuesday morning is improved and that he is making satisfactory progress.

Four fingers of a coolies' left hand were crushed through an accident which occurred on board the s.s. Shansi, says a police report, of an accident which happened yesterday to the coolie, employed at Taikoo. The injured man was removed to hospital.

Admitting the theft of a bottle of gin and a bottle of sherry from the officers' quarters of H.M.S. Thracian, a Chinese steward was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Lieut. Fair was the complainant.

The Kings Own Scottish Borders carried out a route march at full strength this morning, accompanied by full brass and pipe bands, Lieut. Col. Comyn being in charge. The principal streets in the Central and Western Districts were traversed, the side walks being lined with interested spectators throughout the line of march.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 15 departures, of which four and four were British, leaving 72 vessels in harbour, British 26. Tonnage showed an increase, but the total of British freights, both inward and through, were no more than 1,100 tons. The heavier cargoes were in all cases coal, carried in Chinese, Norwegian and Japanese vessels.

It is announced that the s.s. Taisan, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, completes her refit over the weekend and will resume sailings for Canton at midnight on Sunday, taking over the schedule of the s.s. Lungshan. The Lungshan will arrive from Canton on Saturday and will be taken in hand for refit at the Kowloon Dock on Sunday morning.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 21.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.26
Berlin	20.43
Oslo	18.24
Helsingfors	19.33
Athens	36.6
Buenos Aires	47.7
Hongkong	2/9 1/2
New York	4.88
Amsterdam	12.07
Stockholm	18.07
Vienna	34.56
Madrid	7.90
Bucharest	23.92
Bombay	1/6 3/4
Yokohama	1/10 25/32
Brussels	34.01
Milan	00
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	10.47
Lisbon	2/7 1/2
Rio	6.20/22
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Silver (spot)	20 3/4
Silver (forward)	20 3/4

—British Wireless.

VALEDICTORY.

MR. P. T. LAMBLE RETIRING.

After completing 26 years service with the Hongkong Government, Mr. P. T. Lamble, the Superintendent of Staff and Works of the Sanitary Department, will shortly be departing from the Colony on retirement, and will take with him the sincere good wishes and felicitations of a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

It was in December, 1901, that Mr. Lamble, who is a Member of the Royal Sanitary Institute, was appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector, arriving in the Colony from Home the following month. He continued to hold that post until January, 1920, when he was appointed Senior Inspector of Personnel, which post became changed in title and status in 1923, to that of Chief Inspector. It was in recognition of Mr. Lamble's valuable services that the special post of Superintendent of Staff and Works was created in 1925, and it is from that position that he retires after a record of service of which he might well be proud.

Mr. Lamble had made a special study of the malaria problem in Hongkong and his knowledge of this particular branch of the Sanitary Department's work has proved of immense value in the campaign against mosquitoes.

In recognition of his abilities he was made a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute and later was appointed as a member of the local Board of Examiners of the Institute.

Mr. Lamble in his younger days was a keen and an enthusiastic sportsman. He was particularly interested in cricket and for many years played for the Civil Service Club as a bowler and a wicket-keeper and in both capacities ranked high. He has retained his interest in the Club and the cricket team over a long period of years and up to quite recently turned out regularly in the capacity of umpire. For a good many years, Mr. Lamble was the Chairman of the Civil Service Cricket Club and is at present the Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Lamble also took a great interest in other forms of sport, particularly lawn bowls, at which game he has, for many years, played for the Civil Service Club.

Among his many other activities, Mr. Lamble was one of those responsible for the formation of the Hongkong Branch of the Rationalist Press Association, of which he is now the President. The Book Club also owes its inception largely to the interest he took in the provision and distribution of good literature.

Within the next few days Mr. Lamble will be the guest of honour at many functions to be given by friends and colleagues, and his departure from the Colony will be much regretted by all who know him. His friends will wish him many years of health and happiness in his retirement.

CATHEDRAL CHAPLAIN.

After 15 Years' Service.

Another well-known resident who is leaving the Colony shortly is the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, M.A., (Lincoln College, Oxford), who was appointed Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, in 1912, and arrived here in May of that year. After taking his degree with honour in Modern History in 1894, he was ordained by the Bishop of Chester in 1895. He held curacies at Runcorn and Horsham, and in 1901 was presented to the living of Iping, Sussex, by Lord Leconfield.

From 1908 until 1912, Mr. Moyle was Hon. Secretary of the Federation of Junior Clergy Missionary Associations in connexion with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, becoming a member of the Standing Committee of the S.P.G. in 1909.

During Mr. Moyle's fifteen years in Hongkong he has been responsible for the establishment of various Cathedral organizations, such as the C.E.M.S., Women's Guild, League of Prayer, etc., and through his influence the Cathedral has been provided with a handsome reredos, a side Chapel, the Cathedral Hall and the Chaplain's residence at the Peak. Mr. Moyle's tenure of office has also been synchronised with the provision of a handsome endowment through the generosity of the late Sir Paul Claret.

In addition to his duties at the Cathedral, Mr. Moyle has had charge of St. Peter's Church, as Honorary Chaplain for some years, and for the whole length of his stay here he has been responsible for the Services in the Peak Church.

The exchange banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th inst.

The Very Idea!

A Guide arrived at an ancient castle in England with a party of tourists and showed them the moat. "Ah, I wonder," one joker in the party muttered, "how could a fellow get one of them in his eye."

At the Mansion House, before the Lord Mayor, a carman named Blunt, in the service of the Southern Railway Company, was summoned for leaving his horse and van unattended. Mr. F. W. Wallace, who appeared for the company, said the defendant, at 7 p.m. left his horse in the company's yard at Holborn Viaduct station while he went to supper. The wheel was chained and the horse's nosebag was on. Instead of enjoying his meal the horse made his way out of a narrow opening and turned into the Old Bailey, evidently making his way to his stable across the river. All this, strange to relate, was effected without an accident. But the horse, intelligent though it was, had evidently been, oblivious of the Statute of 1839 and was stopped by a policeman. The Lord Mayor:—Has the company any more of such wonderful horses? I cannot impose a fine in such circumstances, but the defendant must pay the costs.

A woman was asked in Mr. Justice Eve's court if she practised as a palmist. "Never, it is against the law," she replied.

Mr. Justice Eve: Is it against the law to tell anybody's hand? A barrister: I am not conversant with the criminal law. (To the woman): You are comfortably off?

The woman: It depends on what you call "comfortably."

Mr. Justice Eve: Yes.

The barrister: You keep a motor-car?—Yes, I have a car.

You bought it out of the palmistry business?—No. It was bought out of the money I won on Charley's Mount.

Mr. Justice Eve: Where is Charley's Mount?—I believe he is dead. He was a racehorse. He won at a hundred to one.

Mr. Justice Eve: Yes.

"Will you marry me?" he asked. There was a pause.

"Tell me one thing first," she said. "Do you drink anything?"

His face lit up. "Anything," he said.

History is the only real cure for pessimism.—Dr. Cyril Alington.

Our advance in trade is the advance of the treadmill.—Mr. Lloyd George.

We want the old team-spirit back if we are to overcome industrial difficulties.—Mr. George Spencer, M.P.

The freedom girls have got, with regard to dress is worth the vote a hundred times over.—Sir Alfred Hopkinson.

"Then you deny," said the Magistrate, "that you were rude to the policeman when he asked to see your licence?"

"Certainly, sir," replied the motorist. "All I said was that, from what I could see of him, I was sure his wife would be happier as a widow."

Responding to the toast of "The Visitors," at the annual dinner of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, Mr. M. P. Campbell said that Americans were great time savers. He attended a banquet recently, where the Mayor of the city proposed six toasts in one breath. The guests lifted their glasses six times in quick succession, and drank the health of the King of England, the President of the United States, the Prince of Wales, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and the "President" of Australia. When the Mayor rose to propose the toast, he did not enter into any preliminaries. He just spoke to his subject and sat down.

Young Tommy had been left in charge of his small brother, Bobbie, while their parents were at the pictures.

When the show was over and the parents returned they discovered a tear-stained Bobbie in bed and a brooding Tommy watching him.

"Goodness me, Bobbie, what is the matter?" asked the mother.

"I hit him," said Tommy, "and I kicked him once or twice, too."

"But whatever for?" asked the parents.

Tommy looked very righteous as he replied—"He wouldn't say his prayers!"

"The Last Days of Pompeii," the spectacular Italian film version of Lytton's famous story, again drew crowded houses at the World Theatre yesterday. This wonderful film has a cast of 45,000 players and cost £100,000 to make. The picture will be screened until Saturday, performances starting promptly each day at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. The orchestra plays at 6.00 and 9.30 and an inter-ter attends at 2.30 and 7.15.

THE MOTOR-CAR HORN NUISANCE.

SUMMONS RULED OUT BY
MAGISTRATE.

OFFENDER MUST BE NAMED.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell gave his decision in regard to the summons taken out by the Traffic Department against the driver of private car No. 2299, for unnecessarily blowing his horn in a manner calculated to annoy any person, on November 18th. For the defence, Mr. Horace Lo had submitted that the summons was bad on two points which he raised in Court.

His Worship said he had come to the conclusion that Mr. Horace Lo's arguments were, in the main, valid—that in the ordinary summonses taken out under the provisions of the Ordinance, unless there was some special provision as Mr. Lo had mentioned, the owner must be named. The actual offender's name must be named. If, however, the person answered the summons, issued to him as the driver or person pointed out, the Court had jurisdiction. "I take it you are appearing as the driver in this case, and that you are instructed on behalf of the driver?"

Mr. Horace Lo:—More or less to watch the case.

His Worship:—There is no personal appearance in this case; the summons is dismissed.

Name Needed.

Mr. Lo then asked to be allowed to make a statement. At the previous hearing, on a question of responsibility, he had mentioned that he knew for a fact that in England, the police never knew to summon anyone driving a car, merely by summoning him as "the driver." Reading from a newspaper report of the present case, Mr. Lo drew his Worship's attention to a statement from the Bench in reply to this, that "Mr. Lo should not make wild statements of that sort."

Apart from his own personal experience, Mr. Lo, in replying to this previous remark of his Worship, said that he had found, from a reference to a legal authority, that there was no case reported therein in which the defendant was not quoted by name. Two criminal cases quoted in Halsbury were also quoted by the names of the defendants. Mr. Lo argued, therefore, that there was substantial inference in the expression of his opinion, which, although it was from personal experience, was expressed at the time with full weight of deliberation. He did not know if his Worship would like to make any further remark in substitution or addition to the remarks made at that hearing.

Remark Withdrawn.

Mr. Lindsell:—I entirely accept your statements, Mr. Lo, as being correct. At that time you were speaking, as you yourself admitted, from your personal experience.

Mr. Lo:—I was making the statement deliberately, afterwards explaining in greater detail.

His Worship:—I must apologise for my expression of opinion. In view of what you have told me, I unreservedly withdraw it.

Mr. Lo:—If your Worship please.

"Blowing a Horn."

His Worship directed, with regard to the other point raised—of blowing a motor-car horn in a manner calculated to annoy a person—that the police if they wished to proceed with the summons, should make it as "a noise calculated to disturb public tranquility." They could then still rely on the Summary Offences Ordinance. It was obvious they could not rely on "blowing a horn."

Mr. Lo then said that, from the same newspaper report of the previous hearing, he was supposed to have said that the Ordinance in question was undoubtedly calculated to apply to traffic cases, whereas in point of fact he said that it did not apply to traffic cases.

Mr. Lindsell:—I think I was not to be blamed for that, Mr. Lo.

SQUASH RACKETS.

THE PRINCE OF WALES DEFEATED.

London, Dec. 21.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who yesterday beat Lieutenant-Commander Kershaw in the second round of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship, was defeated in the semi-final to-day by Surgeon-Commander Mackenzie.

It was a fiercely-contested game, but Mackenzie won in three straight sets.—*British Wire- less.*

CANTON OUTLOOK

FAILURE OF PEACE MOVE.

HOSTILITIES EXPECTED.

Opinion in Chinese circles regarding probable Canton developments is that a battle between the "Ironsides," on the one hand, and the armies under Generals Chan Ming-shui and Li Chai-sum, on the other appears to be inevitable. This belief is based on the troop movements of both factions.

The situation on the West and East Rivers has become tense, especially at Samshui, on the West River, and on the lower course of the East River. Troops of the 25th and 26th Divisions of the "Ironsides" have been despatched to districts along the East River, the intention being to hold Shek-tan, a city north-east of Sheklung, as the last line of defence in repulsing the armies supporting General Li Chai-sum.

Large detachments of "Ironside" soldiers have also gathered at Tai-ping, while at Tungkun and in the vicinity of the Boeca Tigris Forts a good many "Ironside" troops are taking up positions. About 10,000 men or more, it is stated, have been rushed to East River districts from Canton within the past two days.

Swatow Military Meeting.

Equally active are the military leaders now busying themselves with war preparations by holding conferences at Swatow in a desire to pave the way for the triumphant return of armies supporting General Li Chai-sum, the Kuomintang "Rightist" leader who was deposed by the "Ironsides" last month at Canton.

A grand military meeting, it is said, was held at Swatow on Friday last, attended by a large number of the most prominent "Rightist" politicians and military leaders, who are ardent followers of Li Chai-sum. Noted Kuomintang members who were at the conference were Generals Chan Ming-shui, the Chief of the 11th Army, recently arrived from Fukien, Chan Chai-tong, the Governor of Swatow; Chien Ta-chun, Hsu Ching-tong, Admiral Chan Chat and Messrs. Feng Cho-man, Tang Shi-chang and several others. At the meeting it was decided that Mr. Feng Cho-man should remain at Swatow as Commander administering the affairs of the city. General Chan Ming-shui was appointed as Field-Marshal, General Chan Chai-tong as the Chief-Commander of the left wing and General Chien Ta-chun as the Chief-Commander of the right wing. It is also said that Chan Ming-shui has under him three full divisions, Chien Ta-chun two divisions and Chan Chai-tong one division. "The combined forces are said to be 50,000 strong, according to vernacular reports. If this figure is correct, then the army supporting Li Chai-sum is five times bigger than the army of the "Ironsides" now stationed on the lower East River.

Peace Frustrated.

Only two days ago a rumour was current in Canton that there would be no fighting and that an agreement had almost been reached between the "Leftist" and "Rightist" leaders at Swatow, but the political tide suddenly turned in the other direction yesterday when it was stated that a stubborn view was held by the "Leftist" leaders now in Canton who made it definitely known that they would see to it that no other militarists other than General Chan Ming-shui should enter Canton with armies. In other words, the "Leftists" are still antagonistic to the followers of Li Chai-sum.

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INDIAN CHAUFFEUR ON TRIAL.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

Further evidence was given before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case in which Sandi Khan a chauffeur, is being tried for manslaughter, following the death of a girl after being knocked down at West Point. It is alleged, by a car driven by the prisoner, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, jnr., is defending.

A police witness, in reply to Mr. D'Almada, said he found the girl outside No. 5 godown at the West Point wharves. He also found pieces of glass, two being in the gutter and two on the road.

Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, in charge of the Traffic Department, stated that he visited the scene of the accident and found a pool of blood some 18 feet from the kerb. The road at that spot was 60 feet wide. He examined a certain lamp post near by, but did not find anything unusual on it.

In reply to Mr. D'Almada, witness said the prisoner was well known to him (witness) and had held a licence for the past six or seven years. There was no record of a previous accident. His record was not clear, but it was good considering the period for which he had been driving.

Answering Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that in 1925 the prisoner was cautioned by the Deputy C. S. P. for reckless driving. In August this year, he was fined \$10 for negligent driving in Connaught Road Central.

Sub-Inspector Mason gave details of having examined the car after the accident, and gave it as his opinion that some of the damage could have been caused by the car striking a soft heavy body.

Replying to Mr. D'Almada, witness agreed that some of the damage could also have been caused through the vehicle striking something hard, especially if the car was being driven slowly.

The case is proceeding.

SHANGHAI ITEMS.

APPRECIATION OF GEN. DUNCAN.

EXPELLING THE SOVIET.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
The news that Major-General John Duncan has been appointed General Officer Commanding the 1st Division, Aldershot, which means that he will be leaving Shanghai at no distant date, has been received with a feeling of profound regret not alone in the ranks of local British troops but also among the twenty or thirty nationalities forming the international community of Shanghai, who not long ago had occasion to forward to the British Government a telegram giving expression to their feelings of appreciation and thanks for the sending of the Shanghai Defence Force.

It would be *apropos*, at this point, to relate a true story, going the rounds of Shanghai clubs and dinner tables, concerning Major-General Duncan which is too good to pass unrecorded. The other night, about the zero hour, the slumbering folks of Shanghai were rudely awakened from their sleep by a series of detonations and the staccato rat-tat-tat of what sounded like rifle and machine-gun fire. The good people of Shanghai jumped out of their beds, peered out of their windows and described flashes of fire on the horizon, and a lurking fear gnawed at them lest the city was at the point of being captured by a hostile force, or that the whole of Lunghwa Arsenal had blown up, or that there was another battle at the Soviet Consulate.

Colonel Hayley, Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Shanghai Defence Force, just prior to the outbreak of firing and explosions in all parts of the city, had telephoned to Major-General Duncan saying that he had received tidings that there might be trouble that night, to which the Major-General replied: "All right, call me up when the battle starts." And scarcely an hour later it seemed as though the Battle of Pootung had after all, started in earnest. How was he to know that it was merely an eclipse of the moon that was causing all the pother and that, true to ancient Chinese traditions, it was merely a demonstration to drive away the evil-spirited dragon, which supposedly was engaged in the unwholesome pastime of swallowing the moon?

To turn from gay to grave, the scribe has to chronicle the undeniable fact that the community is genuinely grieved to lose Major-General Duncan, who, by his efficient administration, courtly deportment and unrivalled tact, has, within the brief span of time he has been with us, made a host of friends, both among foreigners and Chinese, whose early suspicions of the Defence Force have been converted into goodwill, thanks to the delicate handling of many a tricky situation, so that it might truly be said of Major-General Duncan that he came to Shanghai both as a soldier and as an ambassador of goodwill.

The Break With the Soviet.

Some weeks ago, in the course of these notes, the writer suggested that the position of the Soviet Consulate was becoming untenable because it did not appear to enjoy any legal status whatever and moreover had incurred the antagonism of the majority of residents in the Settlement by reason of the disruptive movements inspired by the so-called consular officials of the U. S. S. R. who were nothing less than picked propaganda agents of Moscow.

A prophet's forecasts are rarely fulfilled, more especially in the realm of politics, and more often falsified by the course of events, but in this instance the prophecy has

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SECRET SOCIETY OFFICIAL.

ARRESTED WITH STRANGE PARAPHERNALIA.

GETS SIX MONTHS.

A Chinese, named Chow Fung, was charged before Major C. Willson this morning with being a member of a Triad Society, namely the Yee Hing Lodge.

The defendant pleaded guilty, but added the explanation that he was forced by a friend to become a member.

Inspector Andrews, prosecuting, said the police considered the case a serious one. The defendant was evidently an official of the famous Yee Hing Company Triad Society. He produced a badge of membership belonging to the defendant which showed that the Yee Hing Lodge was affiliated with the Chinese Freemason Society in America. The certificate of membership bore a gold seal badge in the corner and Inspector Andrews added that the original Guild was in Singapore.

Blood-Stained Fan.

Continuing, Inspector Andrews said he judged that defendant must be an official by the fact that he was the possessor of one of the Society's blood-stained white fans. Amongst other things which the Inspector showed his Worship were details of certain ritual, drawings and diagrams and other characters, the symbols being secret signs of the members of the Society.

To show that the paraphernalia carried by the defendant was complete the Inspector produced a piece of wood from a pine tree and also a wooden sword, smeared with bloodstains, which are used during the process of the swearing-in of members.

A Communist?

Inspector Andrews drew attention to a red sash which was in possession of the defendant, and said that from the fact that he ar-

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 16 of this issue.

1. What postage is payable in sending a postcard to the following countries: Canada, Australia, France?
2. Approximately how many new houses were built in England during the year ending September 30 last?
3. What offices do the following Ministers hold: Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister, Lord Eustace Percy?
4. What is the third clause in the pact just arranged between France and Jugoslavia?
5. Where is the proposed site of the much discussed Abyssinian dam?
6. Who is the best known English woman composer?
7. In what countries are these newspapers published: *Ivestia*, *Der Tagblatt*, *Secolo*, *Figaro*, *Imparzial*, *Nichi-Nichi Shinbun*?
8. Who are these people: Pauline Frederick, Osbert Sitwell, Sir Charles Batho, Sir Patrick Hastings, Joyce Kilmer?
9. What is the number of unemployed British miners, according to the latest returns?
10. With what sports and games are the following identified: Gene Tannev, Bobby Jones, Earl of Cottenham, Sir George Thomas, Kitty McKane, "Pat" Hendron?
11. What is meant by metallurgy?
12. From what poem are these lines taken: "He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small?"

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF HER LADYSHIP'S ROOM

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YESTERDAY'S INTERESTING WEDDING.



The above photograph was taken yesterday at the wedding of Mr. Shiu Kai Lee and Miss Esther Mary Kotewall. Amongst those in the group are H. E. the Governor, H. E. Major General Luard, Sir Robert and Lady Ho-Tung, Sir Shouson Chow and Lady Chow, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax. (Photo by courtesy Wah Kiu Yat-Po)



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NEW NAKED SUNLIGHT TREATMENT.

STIR OVER A FOREIGN BOOK.

Sir James Marchant has denied that he had sent the translation of a foreign book on naked sunlight treatment to Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary.

I have finally decided to send it to a caricaturist, said Sir James to the Central News. The sponsoring of a book by Dean Inge and Dr. Saleeby advocating exposure of our ashens and frequent use of a grotesque joke. Our sunlight advocate is Dr. Saleeby, and he does his work sanely and well. He wants no assistance from a foreign advocate, whose book in my judgment, is seventeenth century bunkum.

But it is a case for a caricaturist, not for the police, he added—an artist who should picture Dean Inge, and Dr. Saleeby, clad in a single fig leaf, worshipping the sun in an English November on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral—the wild light of the pigeons—the crack of the dome—the statue of Queen Victoria frowning at the mouth—what a picture!

The Rev. James Marchant is director of the National Council (for Great and Greater Britain) for the Promotion of Race Regeneration, and was secretary of the International Moral Congress of 1922-23.

It had been previously stated that Sir James Marchant, director of the National Council of Public Morals, had sent to Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, a copy of "Man and Sunlight," by Hans Suren, who was at one time chief of the German Army School for Physical Exercises.

What the Publishers Say.

The English version of the book, which advocates naked gymnastics in the sunshine, has a preface by Dr. C. W. Saleeby, incorporating a word of approval from Dean Inge, who says:—I am in favour of publication. The author is a bit of a fanatic, but the book will do good.

To this the publishers, the Solihull Publishing Company, Slough, made the following statement:—

We are not even surprised to hear that Major Suren's book has been sent to the Home Secretary. It was only to be expected that a book so decisively counter to much that passes for morality should arouse opposition from the Grundylas.

People who are shocked at the idea of showing the human body unclothed are not advised to read the book. We are content to let the book speak for itself. The British Press and the British public will be better able to judge its value than Mrs. Grundy and all her followers.

On a charge of stealing a ring valued at £5 belonging to Miss Mercedes Gleitze, the swimmer, from a house in Belgrave Road, S.W., Isabel Telford, aged 26, a servant, was bound over at Westminster Police Court.

YANGTSE PIRATES.

STORY OF "I-PING" ATTACK.

COST COMPANY \$14,000.

A resume of some of the conditions encountered during recent months on the Upper Yangtze by foreigners who are trying to engage in shipping is to be found in a communication which arrived recently in Shanghai from Chungking. The correspondent describes in detail the recent bandit outrage perpetrated on the str. I-Ping, at Yehien, an incident which cost the company operating the ship the sum of \$14,000.

According to the information obtained from an informant, who was an eye-witness, a military bandit gang was responsible for the outrage. He says:—"Bandits flew thick and fast for the better part of half-an-hour until we finally stopped. I, together with three missionaries, was in the Captain's office, which is inside the bridge and therefore protected by the bullet screens. However, when the bandits swarmed on board, they crowded all over the ship and on the bridge, brandishing their Mausers in a most menacing and careless manner and shooting intermittently. We four foreigners were not molested by the bandits, but during all the time that they were on board, one wicked-looking devil leaned through the widow across the room from us and kept us covered with his Mauser (cocked and his finger on the trigger). This agony of suspense and danger covered the better part of two hours.

"Shell Out!"

"As the bandits were ready to leave the ship, the No. 1 in charge of operations swaggered into the office, brandishing his pistol, and told us to 'shell out,' a missionary doing the interpreting. He took my silver wrist watch, and the missionaries lost a few little articles of jewellery. It finally developed that they claimed we had sunk one of their junks on a previous trip, and they demanded \$8,000 in compensation. After lengthy argument, this amount was reduced to \$3,000, provided their demands were met immediately in cold cash. A canvass of the ship was made, but only \$500 in cash was realized, and of which the bandits immediately took possession.

"Realizing that there was no more cash to be had, the bandits then moved to take the commodore and the captain of the ship on shore, and hold them for \$5,000 ransom. Later, however, after learning that it would be impossible for the ship to proceed without the captain, they decided to take the commodore and one of his staff and then ordered the captain to proceed and to return with the money.

Other Ships Escape.

"Shortly after we anchored, two other vessels came along and were ordered to stop, but the bandits having no accomplices on board, they proceeded past at full speed under a hail of bullets from the shore and on board the I-Ping. A little later, another vessel, the str. Yung An, I believe, hove into sight, but seeing that something was amiss, turned round and started back for Ichang, not, however, before the bandits had poured a fusillade into her.

At Patung, the No. 1 pilot went ashore to see what could be done about raising the ransom money, but all he could collect was \$980, to which was added \$200 borrowed from a passenger, Mr. Gerald Bell, making a total of \$1,180. This was despatched to Yehien in charge of three of the ship's crew and three of the bandits who had come to Patung in the ship. The bandits took the money but refused to release the commodore."

Further discussion of this incident shows the following payments were made:—Cash at Yehien, \$500; cash sent from Patung, \$1,180; promissory notes signed by captain, \$7,500; promissory notes signed by commodore, \$500; commission to guarantor, \$1,000; expenses, sampan, entertainment, etc., \$400; and demands of second gang of bandits, \$2,000, making a total of \$13,080.

Pidgin Cargo.

The letter goes on to say that one of the many curses of the shipping business on the Upper Yangtze is the "pidgin cargo" which is carried by the crews in the ships. This illegal cargo is put in the ship's hold by members of the crew, the pilots being apparently the chief offenders, and instances are on record recently of 20 per cent. of the ship's gross carrying capacity having been "pidgin."

Other points brought out were the actions of the military towards foreigners. On November 18, there were 15 foreigners in Chungking, according to this correspondent.—N. C. Daily News.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 21.

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Fulham	v. Blackpool.
Leeds	v. Stoke.
DIVISION III. (SOUTH).	
Newport	v. Southend.
Plymouth	v. Crystal P.
DIVISION III. (NORTH).	
Bradford	v. Chesterfield.
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Kilmarnock	v. Hearts.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TWO KOWLOON TEAMS.

The following have been selected for the Kowloon Football Club to play in a friendly game with a team from H. M. S. Hawkins on Saturday, on the Kowloon ground; kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Guest, Duncan, Hedley; Pile, May, Vickers, Tierman, Miles.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in their League match versus the Chinese Athletic Club on Saturday, on the Kowloon ground; kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Slipper; Bliss, Pascoe, Blacklock, Skinner, Dunnell, Coates, Clark, Spary, Muir, Eastman. Reserves:—Roberts and Nicholls.

A match between the Diocesan Boys' School and the R.A.F. (Kaitack) was played on the School ground on Monday and resulted in a win for the School by four goals to three.

Eight months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch was the sentence passed by Major C. Willson, this morning, on a Chinese who was charged with returning from banishment. The man's record showed that he was banished for life in 1925 and that previous to that he had three convictions against him.

KOWLOON LIGHT.

INCREASED EARNINGS BY C. L. & P. CO.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

A very satisfactory position was revealed at the ninth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Light and Power Co. (1918) Ltd., held this morning, when Mr. R. G. Shewan, the Chairman, stated that the working account showed a gross profit of \$273,688, an increase of about \$73,000 over the previous year, and that so far the earnings of the present year show even further improvement. Considerable expenditure on Capital account was, however, foreshadowed for the coming year.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. da Rosa (directors), Mr. N. Bragg (secretary), Mr. J. H. Donithorne (works manager), Messrs. A. Keith, Tse Tsan-lai, F. M. Ellis, J. Poppin, A. A. Botelho, and Capt. R. D. Thomas (shareholders).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and the Auditors' Report.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The net amount, including \$52,576.40 brought forward from last year, available for distribution is \$309,843.42, which we recommend be appropriated as follows:—To put to credit of Reserve for Special Renewals, Repairs, and Change of Voltage, \$60,219.03; to pay a Dividend of 8%, or 40 cents per share, on 400,000 "Old shares," \$160,000; to pay a Dividend of 8%, or 16 cents per share, on 199,850 "New" shares, \$31,976; to carry forward to next year's Account, \$57,648.39.

The Working Account shows a gross profit of \$473,688.41, against \$406,639.41 last year, an increase of about \$73,000, which is distinctly encouraging, especially as the earnings for the present year so far also show an even further improvement.

As we expected, the expenditure on the distribution system has been heavy, due to extensions and alterations of mains in the Sham Shui Po, Kowloon Tong and Kowloon City districts. Further expenditure will have to be met in the laying of underground mains in the Kowloon Tong Estate and the linking up of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon Tong and Kau Pui Shek Sub-Stations. These extensions are necessary in order to enable us to cope with the demand in the districts referred to, and to complete the ring system of feeders.

As regards the change of voltage, the alteration to the low tension distribution in the Yau-mati district was completed early in the year, but with a view to curtailing immediate expenditure the actual change-over to the higher pressure of supply was postponed. We are now in a position to go ahead with the change-over on consumers' premises, and we anticipate the change of voltage in the Yau-mati district will be completed by the end of February, 1928.

During the next twelve months we shall be called upon to meet expenditure on Capital Account for the proposed purchase and reclaiming of approximately 72,350 square feet of land on the east side of our Hok-On Works, purchase of land for two kiosks substations at Kowloon Tong, and Kowloon Tong sub-station and quarters, also cables, etc., for the distribution system and change of voltage.

I regret that the showroom leaves a deficit of \$9,732.26, including \$4,292.78 for depreciation; but this is not all loss, as against it we must place the increased demand for the supply of electricity created by the various articles sold. As stocks have been moving off more quickly lately, we have deferred the closing of the Showroom till 31st March next.

The Accounts are in such full detail that there is hardly anything left for me on which to comment, but I may explain that the small amount of \$100 for compensation in connexion with an accident at Yau-mati during a typhoon, for which we were in no way responsible.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. H. P. White and unanimously carried.

Other Business.

Messrs. A. H. Compton and Lee Hysan were re-elected to the directorate on the proposition of Capt.

IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO ROBBERS.

SEQUEL TO INCIDENTS IN KOWLOON.

The case against the man and woman, who were charged in connexion with two robberies in Kowloon, on October 28, which took place within five hours of each other, was concluded this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, at the Criminal Sessions.

The prisoners were alleged to have posed as the friends of the woman they robbed. The first charge preferred against them was that on October 28 between midnight and 1 a.m. they, together with others, robbed the complainant of \$36 in money, five bangles, and one gold ring, in Tai Nam Street, at Shamshuipo. The second charge was that the prisoners, unaided by others, robbed the same woman at four o'clock on the same morning at Hunghom. This second robbery occurred when the prisoners were taking the woman to find the first robbers.

This morning, the first prisoner denied all knowledge of the affair, and alleged that the complainant had a grudge against him. He stated that the police forced him to admit that he had committed the offences. In fact he did not know the complainant at all.

The second prisoner, the woman, said: "Does anyone in the world believe that a woman would join with robbers?" She admitted that she had known the complainant for seven or eight years, but the charges were entirely the invention of the complainant.

After his Lordship had summed up, the jury retired for about ten minutes. When they returned they brought in a verdict of "guilty."

The first prisoner was sentenced to five years' hard labour and the second to three years' hard labour.

MARINE COURT.

BROKEN RUDDER, NO EXCUSE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Fole, Li Mui, the mistress of a cargo boat, was charged with anchoring her craft in the Central Fairway, thereby causing an obstruction. Pleading guilty, the accused stated that her rudder had broken down, this eliciting a remark from his Worship that it was quite possible to navigate a sailing vessel without a rudder. A fine of \$5 with the alternative of five days' imprisonment was inflicted.

Lai Mun, master of a steam launch, was charged with towing two lighters abreast through the Southern Entrance of the Yau-mati Breckwater. Pleading guilty and admitting a previous conviction, the accused was fined \$15, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

LAWN TENNIS.

DIOCESAN BOYS' WIN.

The Diocesan Boys' School won an easy victory over a scratch team from the R.A.F. (Kaitack) on the School court on Tuesday, the final score being 86 games to 2.

Details:—Lee Ian Pit and Wong Cheong Kee (D.B.S.) beat Chandler and Avery, 11-0; beat Morris and Smith, 11-0; beat Fyrr and Spenser, 11-0.

Ma Chiu Cheng and F. Shirazee (D.B.S.) beat Chandler and Avery, 11-0; beat Morris and Smith, 11-0; beat Fyrr and Spenser, 11-0; beat Fyrr and Spenser, 11-0.

ARMS CASE.

CHINESE SEAMAN CHARGED.

A Chinese seaman of the s.s. Chenonceaux appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, on a charge of being in unlawful possession of one revolver and two automatic pistols, as well as spare magazines. The defendant, who was arrested when leaving the ship yesterday, was remanded for one week formally, it being intimated that the case would be heard by two Magistrates.

R. D. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Tse Tsan-lai.

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Ningpo, Dec. 13.

During the past three weeks, there has been a rounding-up of Communists in Ningpo. A mild form of martial law has been in force and armed patrols have been policing the streets night and day. To be out of doors after nine o'clock at night without a pass from the police office would put one in danger of arrest. A special commission for the searching out and trial of suspected Communists has been meeting every day. The latest reports state that over seventy arrests have been made; twenty-nine have been released, about twenty have been sent on to Hangchow as convicted Communists, and the remainder are languishing in the Ningpo prison, awaiting further investigation.

From the first, the rumour has been current that plans for an extensive Communist uprising in this part of the province had been discovered, but hitherto there has been a curious lack either of interest or excitement among the populace. In fact, a tendency has been discernible to treat the whole affair very lightly and even to depreciate the activity of the authorities as a needless interference with a few harmless individuals holding extreme political views. Now, however, the reasons for the precautions and for the arrests made have been published in the local press, in the form of the full text of the discovered Communist plot. If merely a fraction of the revelations have a basis of truth, then the authorities are to be commended heartily for their promptness in successfully suppressing what threatened to be a very serious peasant uprising.

The Plot Leaks Out.

The report states that a military officer in Wenchow discovered the headquarters of the Communist Party in that city and was successful in seizing papers containing a list of the names and addresses of members in the whole of east Chekiang, together with the detailed plans for a peasant uprising to take place on the 5th of the 11th moon. He immediately sent these

papers to Hangchow and the Provincial Government sent copies of the information to all the local authorities in the province, with instructions to take every precaution and to make immediate arrest of the persons whose names were disclosed.

The text of the plot, which has been published in full in the Ningpo papers, is a very long affair, not very clearly worded. As published, it appears to be a composite production taken from a great many different drafts of the same plot. The main points in the plot are given under three heads:—(1) to seize the authority in all the chief places in east Chekiang; (2) to kill landowners and gentry, burn all land deeds and distribute the land among the farmers; (3) to make arrangements for a general uprising on the lines of banditry. The places specifically mentioned are between Shangyu and Hsiangshan.

Sabotage and Confiscation.

A vast number of slogans to be used are given, all dealing with the confiscation of land, whether public or clan land, or land privately owned, or belonging to Buddhist or family temples. They also exhort the people to kill the landowners and capitalists, with special reference to money-lenders who charge high rates of interest.

Detailed instructions are given as to how to obtain arms in certain localities, from the billeted soldiery. In other places co-operation with bandits is advised. A wealth of information is given as to how to organise the farmers unions, how to send secret messages to headquarters, how to deal with lukewarm members, and so on. A thorough-going plan to destroy communications is outlined, railways to be torn up, and telegraph wires to be cut. There are detailed references to particular difficulties in small country towns, but very little information as to the plan of campaign in the big cities. It appears that the revolt was to have been mainly in the country, but Ningpo was to have been the centre.

It is very difficult to gauge the seriousness of these revelations. On the whole, it has to be said that the people in Ningpo still refuse to take a serious view of the matter, but, in view of similar plots discovered in various parts of the country, it is the opinion that this discovery in Wenchow and the prompt action of the military and civil officials has been the means of averting a serious Communist revolution, in east Chekiang.—N. C. Daily News.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

SPOTS BEFORE THE EYES
UNIMPORTANT.

SYMPTOMS EXPLAINED.

One of the most common symptoms complained of by many people is a sense of spots floating before the eyes. Scientifically, these are called "muscae volitantes."

The specialist in disease of the eye attaches little significance to these spots, unless such spots can be seen on special examination of the eye with the ophthalmoscope, the instrument with which the specialist looks into the eye.

These floating spots have been attributed to irritations of the eye, to congestion of the tissues, to eyestrain and various constitutional diseases. Generally speaking, they are not of importance in most instances; if the person concerned has the right kind of glasses and keeps himself in good physical condition, the spots will disappear.

Sparks and Flashes.

Many persons complain also of sparks or flashes of light. These are sometimes due to disturbances of the circulation of the blood in the eye.

In cases in which one of the lining membranes of the eye may be inflamed, the sensation of dazzling flashes of light of various colours may be very pronounced.

Some people complain particularly of constant showers of golden dust or of large numbers of black specks floating in front of the eyes or of stationary spots of large size. In many instances these are due to difficulties of colour vision or of vision generally.

Sometimes the wearing of blue coloured glasses which cut off the red rays will relieve the person concerned of his symptoms.

See Doctor Annually.

It is, no doubt, the best advice that can possibly be given to people generally to see a competent specialist in diseases of the eyes at least once each year and not to take lightly any disturbance of vision.

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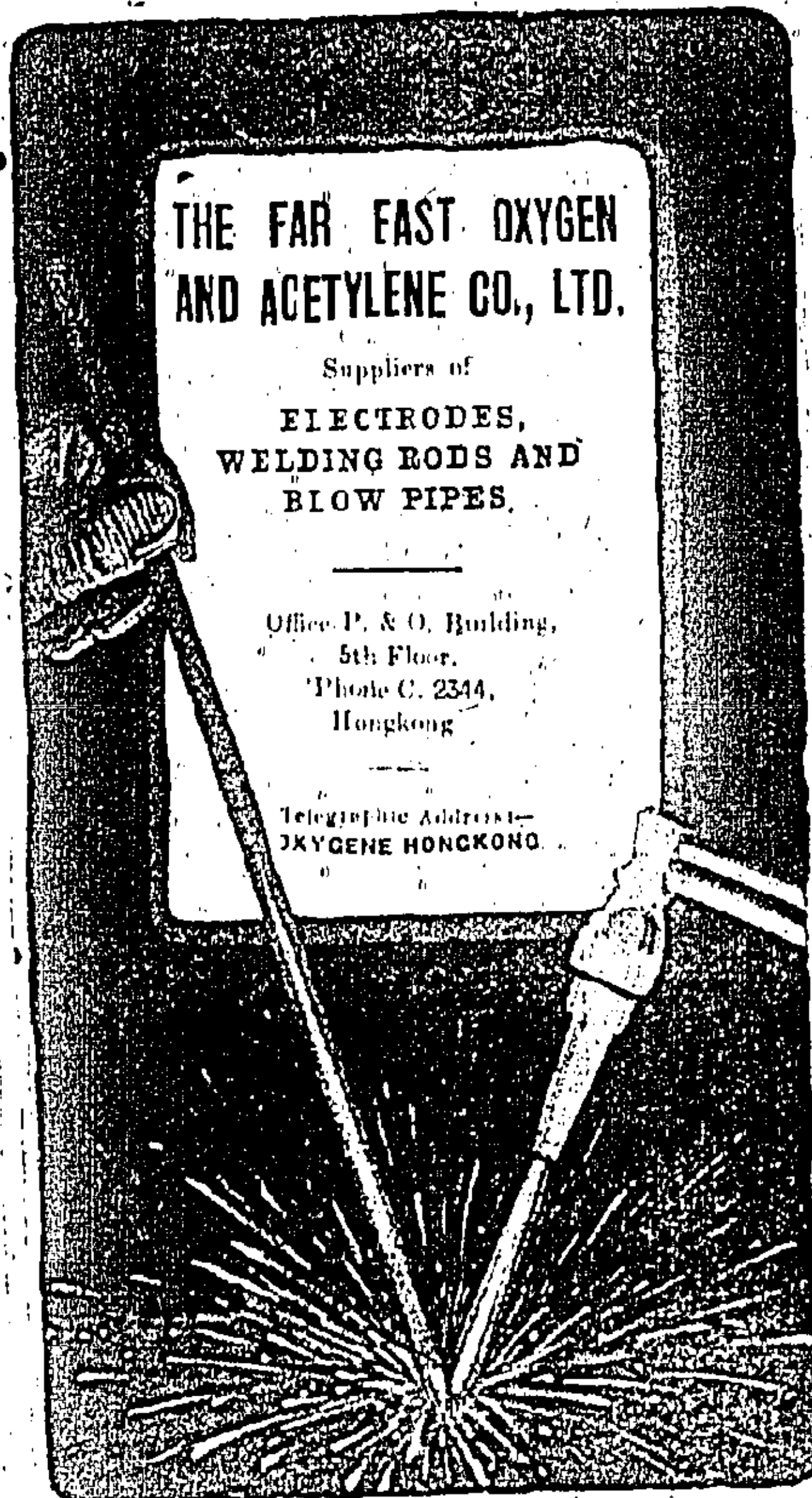
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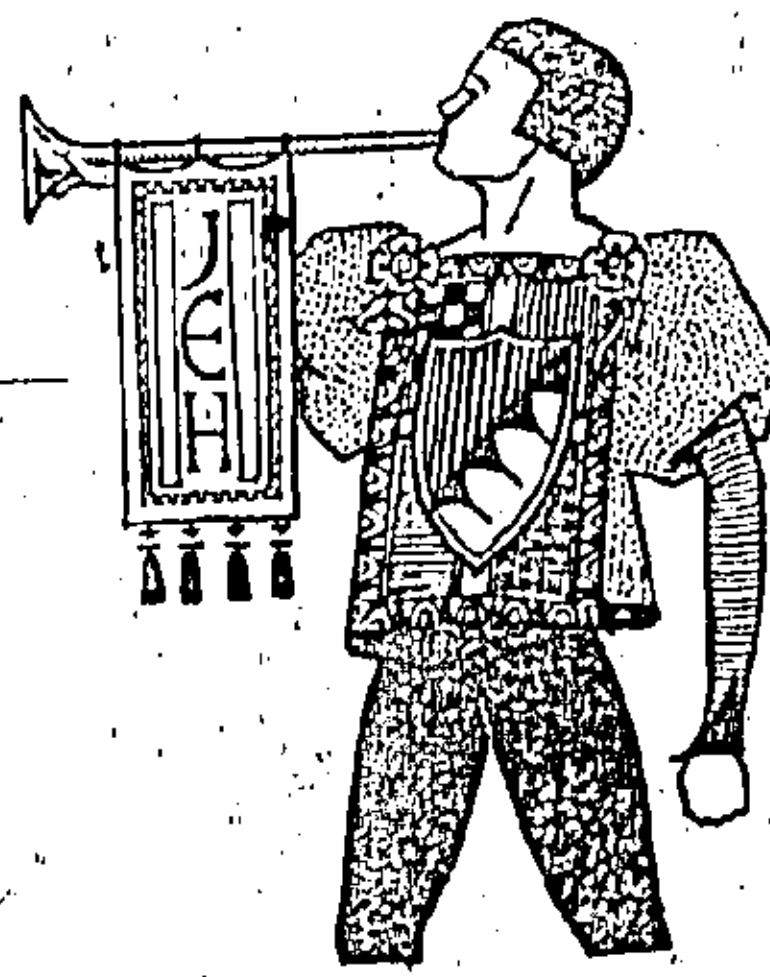
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SHANGHAI ITEMS.

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been justified, and by the time these lines appear in print, the Soviet Consul and his retinue of officials will have left their home on Whangpoo Road bag and baggage. In accordance with the order for their expulsion issued by the Chinese authorities in this area.

A real fear has been gnawing at this community's vitals that the Communist disorders at Canton and elsewhere might be duplicated in Shanghai at some prearranged time. Latterly word was received from well-informed quarters that a large number of graduates from the notorious Vorovsky University at Moscow, which is the training ground for Communist disciples from Oriental countries in the art of subversive propaganda, had landed in Shanghai for no good purpose and were mixing with the crowds in the streets and mingling with the workers in industrial centres with a view to creating some sort of incident. It is also understood that certain selected groups have been supplied with hand grenades, in the use of which they have received instruction.

The police authorities are leaving nothing to chance and do not intend to be caught by surprise. There has been constant vigilance maintained at the Soviet Consulate, and every incoming or outgoing visitor has been subjected to the closest scrutiny by Municipal police posted outside the building. A curious feature connected with the guard maintained by the Consulate itself is the presence, at the main entrance, of an Afghan in mufti armed with a rifle slung across his shoulder. He is believed to be one of the most trusted members of the Soviet Consul's bodyguard and is evidently a product of the Vorovsky University at Moscow.

Intense relief, on the whole, pervades the atmosphere of the Settlement following the expulsion order. The Soviet Consulate has been an anachronism in the Settlement, anyway, and its departure will not be looked upon with any great sorrow by the residents who have been so harassed by it within recent months.

A Deterrent To Outlawry.

Next, in point of public interest, to the order for the expulsion of the Red Consulate is the momentous proclamation just issued by the Provisional Court, to be enforced in the International Settlement, providing the capital penalty for a long list of offences including armed robbery, kidnapping and disturbance of the peace.

Following closely in the wake of an unprecedented wave of crime, when human life has been accounted cheap, the action of the Provisional Court has given the community heart of grace and has revived their drooping spirits, which have been very low ever since the commencement of the tramway strike, with its toll of death, armed robberies in broad daylight, kidnappings and industrial strife generally.

The action of the Chinese judges to curb the spread of crime is of the comprehensive order and is designed to strike terror into the hearts of the lawless elements just as the latter have been trying to demoralize the public with their terrorist tactics.

The extraordinary increase of terrorism and crimes of violence during recent months has convinced the judges of the Court that the existing Criminal Code, which was enacted under peaceful conditions, is no longer capable of coping with the present abnormal situation, because the penalties provided therein have been so inadequate that they have served as an invitation to lawlessness rather than a deterrent.

So far, as the law-abiding sections of the community are concerned, it is a Christmas gift than which none could be better.

A Windfall For Charity.

Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, the former British Crown Advocate in Shanghai, often was taxed by those members of the local foreign gentry, animated by a spirit of reform, regarding the continuance of extensive betting on the Races, and it was even represented to him in no uncertain terms that he should use his authority to influence the suppression of the Race Club.

Betting, no doubt, has its evils from a social point of view, but it is at this time of year that charity organisations in Shanghai—and their name is legion—are persuaded to ask themselves how they could contrive to manage without the Race Club, for that institution, on the eve of the festive season, has announced its charity disbursements for the second half of this year amounting to the huge sum of \$144,426.30.

This large sum has been obtained by Race Meetings on the Shanghai Race Course this autumn, when nearly a million dollars of the public money went in purchasing the "A" and "B" Champions Sweepstakes tickets alone. Some of that public money has now been graciously set aside by the Stewards of the Race Club to make Christmas brighter for some people not too well endowed with the good things of this world.

No fewer than eighty institutions, representing many nationalities, are the beneficiaries of the

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though they seem to desire co-operation with Chan Ming-shui. As to General Li Fuk-lam, it seems clear that with such a big army at his disposal his words will carry some weight.

City Conditions.

As to conditions in Canton, half the business shops have now re-opened, but uncusiness still exists in the city and several rich families have left Canton for Hongkong and Macao.

The value of the Central Bank note is still very low and people who produce the notes in purchasing goods and food stuffs at the market have to put up with low exchange.

To prevent further incendiary fires by "Red" remnants, watchmen groups of ten or more are hired by the residents of each street. For the smaller streets or lanes, four or five men are employed. These watchmen are divided into two groups, keeping a vigilant look-out during day and night.

At night, few pedestrians are seen, and after nine o'clock most of the streets and roads in the heart of the city are deserted. Even the ricksha coolies make themselves scarce at night.

Shortly after the "Reds" were driven out of Canton last week, most of the policemen only carried batons, but now they are armed with revolvers and a corps of armed policemen with rifles is to be seen patrolling the streets at night. Cases of theft and robbery are few, for the police have made it definitely clear that thieves and robbers when caught and convicted will be shot.

Absolving Wang Ki-cheung.

Canton, Dec. 19. A joint telegram, under date of the 17th instant, sent out by Chan Kung-pok, Chang Fat-kwai and Chu Hui-yi to Wang Ching-wei at Shanghai runs as follows:

"From the newspapers of yesterday, we learned of your telegram which stated: 'Upon arrival from Canton, Chan Pi-chun reported that Chan Kung-pok, Chang Fat-kwai and Chu Hui-yi are extremely indignant with Wang Ki-cheung for his admitting the Communists etc.' We beg to say that it is not a fact; but confess that we sometimes criticised Wang's words and acts and accused him of being too much a Leftist. With regard to our inability to nip the recent Communist coup in the bud, we are just as guilty as Comrade Wang, and it is impossible to hold him responsible for all the blame. Moreover, on the day of the outrage, Wang boarded the warboat Keng Tai after a narrow escape and bombarded the enemy on the Bund. He thus saved the strong-room of the Central Bank and the Headquarters of the 11th Corps from the hands of the Communists. On the 13th, when the soldiers of different corps launched a general attack on Canton, Wang took the lead and fought desperately. Though Wang is to be blamed, he should also be appreciated. Thinking that Comrade Chan Pi-chun has been misinformed, we beg, hereby, to make matters clear and to share the blame with Comrade Wang."

Bodies in River.

River steamers arriving here report that a number of bodies have been seen floating down the front Reach, these in some cases being tied back to back in pairs. It is also stated, although uncorroborated, that during the Red-Nationalist trouble, many prisoners were taken aloft in launches and junks and with hands tied, were thrown overboard. On the first appearance of the victim above water a shot finished the struggles.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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donations by the Race Club, and it is not a little gratifying to note from the list of bequests that the sum of \$30,000 has been distributed to the various military and naval commanders for allocation among their men—a fitting and tangible expression of this community's appreciation for what the soldier and sailor boys have been doing for them.



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REGULATIONS WHICH MEAN CLOSURE.

Hankow, Dec. 9. Missionary educators who have been expecting that the various annoying regulations for schools would become a dead letter have had a nasty surprise from the Wuhan Government Education Bureau. The newly-appointed head of this bureau put out proclamations announcing that all schools founded by foreign individuals and private organizations must comply, before the end of December, with the Hupoh provincial regulations for schools. These regulations have been supplemented by an order and a copy of the instructions sent to each of the missions. These are in Chinese and it is difficult to reproduce the emphatic tones which they use in a translation without seeming to be brusque to the point of discourtesy.

The order states that it has been found on investigation that the schools founded by foreigners in the Wuhan area have not complied with the regulations already issued, in that their curriculum still include the "Jesus-Bible" and prayers. As these things are to the detriment of culture and fetter the minds of the young, it is necessary that this matter be adjusted at once, or education cannot advance. Although the regulations for schools were duly promulgated early in the year, some foreigners have not complied with them, but have opened schools and fixed curriculums according to their own ideas. The bureau has reported these facts to the authorities and they have ordered that the regulations are to be enforced and all schools must fall into line before the end of the year.

The Nine Regulations.

The regulations now fixed are nine in number and can be summarized as follows:

The first brings all schools opened by foreign individuals or private organizations within their scope, so that schools opened by the Chinese churches themselves are covered.

The second directs that all schools comply with the regulations fixed by the Board of Education, or they will be ordered to close.

The third definitely excludes the "Jesus-Bible" and prayers, and all study of religion from the schools. The wording of this regulation is very sweeping and might even include the school premises as well as the curriculum.

The fourth prohibits these schools from calling themselves by any names other than those given to them by the bureau.

The fifth forbids the appointment of presidents or principals in addition to the head master, thus excluding the foreign oversight which a principal could give.

The sixth is an old friend of the Communists and, besides safeguarding the right of a student to do private research work in science and arts (which might cover the making of bombs or the designing of posters), it forces the

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New York, Dec. 21. A thirty-three year Peruvian National Loan of \$50,000,000, at six per cent, is being offered on December 21, at a price yielding an average interest of 6.80 per cent.

It is being issued by a syndicate headed by J. and W. Seligman and the National City Bank.

A substantial portion of the loan is reserved for sale in Europe. It is stated that over half the issue will be used to purchase or redeem Peru's external debt, which on June 30 last amounted to £12,622,000, and also to form a gold fund for stabilization of Peru's currency, and create a mortgage bank with Government participation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U.S. WAR CLAIMS.

THE RETURN OF GERMAN PROPERTY.

Washington, Dec. 21. The House of Representatives, by 223 to 26, has passed the Alien Property Bill, providing for the ultimate return of all German property seized in wartime, and a settlement of all war claims by Americans against Germany.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TRIP TO RIO.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND FAMILY ON HOLIDAY.

London, Dec. 21. Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by his wife, son, daughter and daughter-in-law left London to-day for Rio de Janeiro. The party is expected to return to London on January 25.—*British Wireless.*

The school to recognize the Students Self-government Association and to allow students to join in processions.

The seventh and eighth give to the bureau the right to appoint the "disciplinary" in each school and to send an inspector to direct school affairs.

The ninth is positively delightful, since it provides that the other eight may be altered at any time, which is just what has been happening for the last eleven months.

As these regulations stand, missions as such would be well advised to leave all educational work alone in Wuhan, and to throw the entire responsibility of opening Christian schools on to the Chinese Church, for that church stands much more chance of getting these regulations modified than the missionary does. If the hundreds of young men who owe their whole start in life to Mission schools, will not come forward and defend them from these attacks, why should the missionaries bother to educate the next generation?—*N. C. D. News correspondent.*

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ANOTHER VIEW OF A RUINED CANTON STREET.



This picture shows another Canton street after the recent "Red" incendiaryism. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

YANGTSE PIRATES
ATTACKED.

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that the Government was constantly communicating with the Governments of Japan and the United States on all matters concerning their joint interests in China, and while the British Government was anxious to take any proper action within their power which might assist in the restoration of peace in China, he did not see any reason at present to believe that the step suggested would contribute in any way towards the attainment of this end.—*Reuter.*

LATE ITEMS.

Round-Up at Hankow.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
It is understood that the operating staff of the Soviet Trade Mission will stay in Kobe.

The Nationalist Government has authorised General Li Chai-sum to take over the control of Canton. Generals Chang Fat-kwai and Wang Ki-cheung having resigned or disappeared. General Li Chai-sum will leave here for Canton on the 26th or 27th.

A message from Hankow states that four more Chinese communists, including one girl, were executed on Tuesday. The late head of the Provincial Government, with other officials, was apprehended last evening and is awaiting trial on charges of pro-Communism and mis-government. It is authoritatively stated that the military authorities are detaining twelve Russian women and five men, but that all of them will be released shortly, excepting two men, named Glaty, the Dalbank manager, and Yessin, a Soviet trade representative, who will probably be deported after further investigation.—*Reuter.*

FALL OF HSUCHOW.

Peking Politicians Anxious.

Tientsin, Dec. 22.
In connexion with news of the fall of Hsuehchow, important movements among the Peking politicians are reported.
General Chu Yu-pu, Commander of Chihli-Shantung forces which have been withdrawn from the Hsuehchow front, arrived in Peking on the 20th inst., probably to give a detailed report of the fall of Hsuehchow. The Premier, Pan Fu, left Peking for Tsinan on the 18th inst., taking with him full instructions for Marshal Chang Chung-chang.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

KOREAN PRECAUTIONS.

Many Agitators Arrested.

Tientsin, Dec. 22.
The Japanese Government has instructed the Korean authorities to take all necessary measures to suppress the anti-Chinese feeling in Korea, and up to the present over 100 Korean agitators have been arrested.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

SOVIET CONSUL'S PLEA.

Action in North Feared.

Tientsin, Dec. 22.
On learning that it was contemplated by Marshal Chang Tso-lin to take anti-Soviet action similar to that taken by the Nanking Government, the Soviet Consul at Peking has called on the Foreign Minister and given an assurance that there will be no breach of international procedure, neither any attempt at propaganda among the Chinese.

He declared that it was his duty only to take care of the Soviet's interests in North China and he requested the Minister to afford all possible protection.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

THREE YEARS.

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Hongkong and Canton. The balance of £50 he obtained in local currency.

From here, continued Mr. Jenkin, prisoner visited Peking and other parts of North China, and subsequently turned his attention to Japan, where he obtained a letter of credit from the Hundredth Bank in Yokohama for £80. Against that on January 22nd, he drew £75. He succeeded in forging this letter of credit.

From Yokohama, Williams got to Chili, where he opened another letter of credit with the National City Bank of New York at Valparaiso. Council could not find that anything had been done with this letter, though it appeared that he had been experimenting with it, noting the action of ink on the paper, etc. Among these papers was found another letter of credit, this having been issued by the National Bank of Egypt.

Chemicals Found.

Among prisoner's belongings were two bottles of chemicals which were effective for removing ink, also a phial containing a curious kind of ink and a brush, a box of aniline powders, a box of paints and a sheet of carbon which, when held to the light, revealed the tracing of a coat of arms.

Counsel then said that prisoner had been in the hands of the police in various parts of the world. He was fined at Liverpool for being a stowaway, and was subsequently convicted at Rome and Vienna. He was imprisoned in Versailles in 1925 for two years for swindling. Counsel added that the police here had prisoner's Scotland Yard record.

Concluding, Mr. Jenkin emphasised the seriousness of the prisoner's acts, pointing out that they had gone great pains to get him, having to get him extradited from Chili.

Defence Plea.

Mr. Leo d'Amada, for the defence, said Williams was born in Quebec 30 years ago. At the outbreak of the war he joined up and was gassed at the Battle of the Somme. After that he went to Gallipoli, where he suffered a similar fate. He was once mentioned in despatches, and was invalided out of the Army. He returned to Canada and after a while left the country in order to earn his bread and butter. Like other young men, he was tempted from time to time, and he fell. His war service was in the name of Charles Stone which, counsel understood, was his correct name.

Dealing with his previous convictions, counsel said that prisoner had been in trouble in Liverpool, Rome, Vienna, Budapest and Versailles. His mother, said Mr. d'Amada, had been in a lunatic asylum. Prisoner, too, on two occasions (in Florence and Vienna) had been confined to a mental asylum.

Counsel submitted that there was some mental derangement in Williams.
His Lordship:—His aberration does not show any sign of insanity. Counsel went on to explain that there were two other letters of credit, to the value of roughly \$3,500 which prisoner possessed and was willing to hand over to the prosecution as partial retribution. Prisoner was also a partner in an 8,000 acre estate in South Africa, and had already given instructions for his share to be realised in order to pay back what he could.

"A World Tour."

His Lordship, in passing sentence of three years' imprisonment with hard labour, said Williams had pleaded guilty to an offence of a very serious character. It was not a case in which a person

SECRET SOCIETY
OFFICIAL.

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rived in the Colony from Canton, it could be safely inferred that he was a Communist.

The man also had in his possession two clam-shells and cash with which, the Inspector explained, the members drew lots, though he admitted that he could not understand which were "lucky" and which "unlucky." Finally there were two red sashes covered with signs which, added Inspector Andrews, were worn only by officers of the lodge.

Attempt to Escape.

Concluding the description of the man's possessions, the Inspector next informed his Worship that the defendant was a desperate character and had attempted to escape from the custody of the police by jumping into the street from the first floor of the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. He was injured and sent to hospital as a result of that jump.

His Worship then imposed a sentence of nine months' hard labour.

Inspector Andrews:—Did your Worship say nine months? I understand six months is the maximum penalty.
His Worship accordingly altered his sentence to six months' hard labour.

During the Christmas holiday, excursions will be run to Macao by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, by the s.s. Sui An and Sui Tai. Sailings will be from Hongkong at 9 a.m. on Sunday and at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Return sailings from Macao will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Special breakfasts, tiffin and dinners will be served on board at moderate prices.

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2. 22,000. 3. Secretary of State for War.
President of the Board of Trade, Minister of Education, 4. France and Jugoslavia to take action together against any decisions of the League of Nations which might endanger the security of either of the two nations.
5. Across the Blue Nile at Lake Tana. 6. Prince Ethel Smyth. 7. Russia, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Japan. 8. American film stars: English poet and critic; new Lord Mayor of London; King's Counsel; English amateur women golf champion. 9. 235,691. 10. Boxing, golf, motor-racing, badminton and chess. 11. The process of working metal and separating them from their ores. 12. "The Ancient Mariner."

had been driven by some great necessity or by some great temptation to bring himself within the reach of the criminal law.

"You seem," said the Chief Justice, "to have started out with the intention of levying contributions from banks and businesses of that kind in the course of what might almost be called a world tour. I have taken into consideration what has been urged by counsel on your behalf and have also paid regard to the fact that you not only joined up during the war but that after you were gassed you went back to the front."

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